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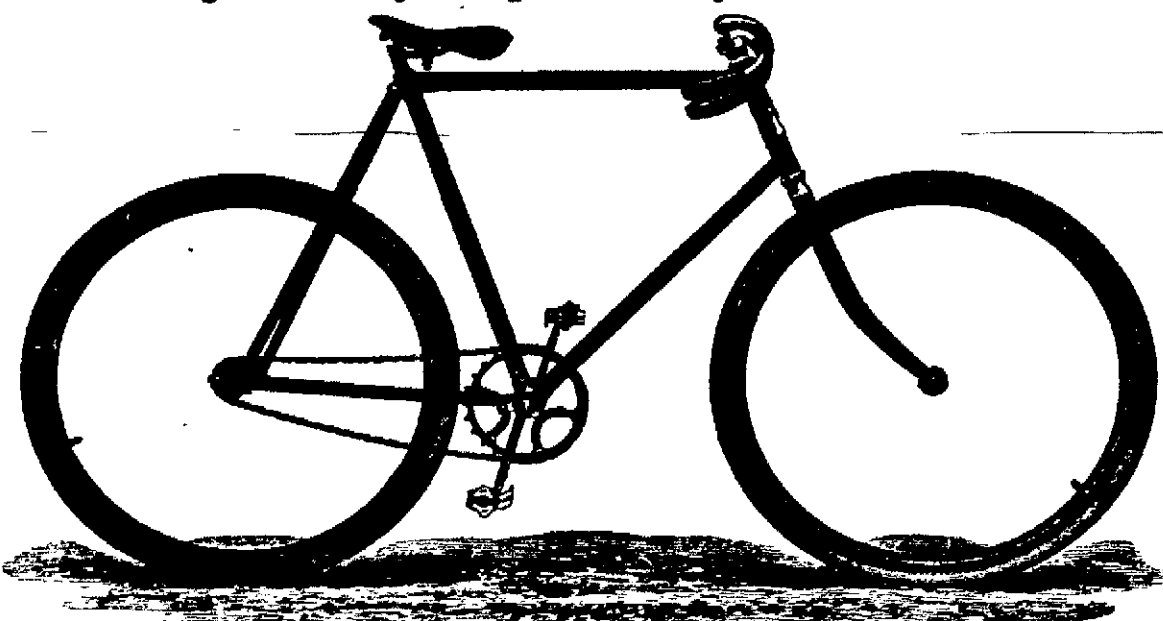
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TO HELP A MILLIONAIRE.

Boy Sends a Check of \$100 to Joseph Leiter, the Wheat Operator.

CHICAGO, March 22.—Fame has come to Francis Welles Van Praag. He was comparatively unknown until last night. Now a nation knows him as the first boy on record to come forward to render financial aid to a downtrodden millionaire. The telegraph wires have sent his name ticking all over the world, and the boy will wake up this morning to find himself heralded as a juvenile philanthropist.

Van Praag lives with his mother on the top floor of 137 West Eighty-fourth street, New York. He is a bright boy, evidently reads the newspapers and keeps track of Mr. Leiter's wheat operations.

When the millionaire speculator reached his office Saturday morning, he found the following letter lying on his desk in a pile of others:

"My Dear Mr. Leiter—I have followed your dealings in the paper, and every one seems against you—that is, every one who has anything to do with wheat and things like that. So I inclose \$100, which I hope will help you to come out on top. I have saved the money out of my allowance and have \$50 left. You can pay me back when you win, because you're going to win. I have said so all along."

"I know \$100 is not a very large sum, but very often a nickel comes in handy, even when I have \$1. I am 14, and I can't see them all trying to down you without doing what I can to help you. Your faithful friend,

"FRANCIS WELLES VAN PRAAG.

"P. S.—If you need any more, I have \$50 left."

Mr. Leiter is accustomed to surprises, but he was completely taken aback by the boy's generosity. He reread the letter, returned the money to the envelope and filed it away.

"I will see that the young man's money is well invested," Mr. Leiter said. "I think such a thing as this means good luck. This lad evidently knows a good thing when he sees it, and I will make it a point that he does not lose anything by his faith in me. I had no idea that my deal was attracting such attention that the children noticed it, but it seems that such is the case."

"So far as I am concerned, this is a purely commercial matter and not at all speculative, and there is no chance of my losing. What the speculators and gamblers have been saying and doing does not concern me."

To Consolidate New York's Postoffices.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Representative Loud of California, chairman of the house committee on postoffices, introduced a bill yesterday authorizing the postmaster general to consolidate all the postoffices within the incorporated limits of the city of New York.

Charles F. Barton Dead.

HUDSON, N. Y., March 22.—Charles F. Barton, proprietor of the United States hotel at Valatie, died suddenly today. For many years he was proprietor of the Chatham House at Chatham.

A Son Born to Lady Brooks.

LONDON, March 22.—The Countess of Warwick (better known as Lady Brooks) has given birth to a son.

RELIEF BILL PASSED

Maine Survivors and Victims to Be Reimbursed.

A YEAR'S PAY FOR EACH MAN.

Congressman Cousins of Iowa Pays an Eloquent Tribute to the Gallant Dead. Party Lines Ignored and Unanimous Voting For the Measure.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The house yesterday unanimously passed the bill for the relief of the survivors and victims of the Maine disaster. The bill reimburses the surviving officers and men for the losses they sustained to an amount not to exceed a year's sea pay and directs the payment of a sum equal to a year's pay to the legal heirs of those who perished. There was quite a spirited debate over an amendment suggested by Mr. Cannon to give the survivors each a year's pay out of hand instead of attempting to reimburse them for actual losses. Some old alleged scoundrels in connection with the reimbursement of the survivors of the Samson disaster were raked up, but the debate in the end was saved from a rather sordid tone by a beautiful tribute paid to the gallant dead by Mr. Cousins of Iowa in a short but eloquent speech. He aroused the galleries to spontaneous applause when he said that while the vultures might be watching over the dark waters of Havana harbor for the belated dead, above all the eagle's piercing eye was watching for the truth. The remainder of the day was occupied in the consideration of the old claim of John Roach, the shipbuilder, for \$331,000. No action was taken upon the claim.

Senate Holds a Short Session.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The short session of the senate yesterday was quite unusual for the first working day of the week. That no one was prepared to go on with any pending measure was given as the explanation, but privately the opinion was stated by some of the senators that while the Cuban question remained in such suspense there was no desire to take up important legislation. The outlook as to Cuba was discussed among senators almost to the exclusion of other topics, and the belief was quite decided that the administration is preparing to take a positive position within the next week. Several senators made the prediction that the United States would intervene. Being pressed for a reason, they stated that they had reached this conclusion after more or less conference with executive officers, but at the same time saying quite emphatically that they had no positive information on this point. Other senators thought the recognition of Cuban independence more probable than intervention. Almost all expressed the view that some action surely will follow the report of the Maine court of inquiry regardless of its purport.

To Recognize Cuba's Independence.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Representative Rogers of New York introduced the bill yesterday without delay for the recognition of Cuba's independence.

"Resolved, by the senate and house of representative, That the Republic of Cuba, having established and maintained an independent government capable of performing those duties, foreign and domestic, which appertain to independent governments, and it appearing that there is no longer any reasonable prospect of the successful prosecution of the war by Spain against said state, it is expedient and proper and in conformity with the laws of nations and the practice of this government in like cases that the independent political existence of said state be acknowledged by the government of the United States."

Naval Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The house committee on naval affairs completed the naval appropriation bill yesterday afternoon, and it will be reported to the house today. While the footings of the various items were not completed when the committee adjourned, the bill is roughly calculated as carrying between \$26,000,000 and \$27,000,000, of which about \$3,000,000 will be expended on this year's work on the three new battleships, six torpedo boats and six torpedo boat destroyers.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Fourth class postmasters have been appointed as follows: New Jersey—Wilburtha, Joseph D. Mitchell. New York—Callieoon Depot, Gertrude W. Eickhoff; Canaseraga, Adolph Bluestone; Dongan Hills, E. R. Colebrook; Kidders, James V. Quick; Marcellus, Frank J. Lawless; Second Mile, Stephen M. Rector; Wallkill, E. B. Dubois; Wawarsing, H. C. Terwilliger; Whitefield, Luther Quick; Willard, John J. Mahoney. Pennsylvania—Golley, Royal Scouten; Davisburg, Levi S. Loukert; Lehman, Thomas N. Major; New Ringgold, Paul Rock.

General Rains Dead.

NEWBURG, N. Y., March 22.—General George W. Rains died at Ramsdell homestead here yesterday. He was born in South Carolina in 1815 and graduated from West Point in 1842. He served in the engineers and artillery and as assistant professor at West Point in 1844. He served in the Mexican war and was twice brevetted for gallantry. During the civil war he served in the Confederate army. In 1887 he was professor at the University of Georgia. He married the daughter of the late Homer Ramsdell, who survives him.

Funeral of Blanche K. Bruce.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The funeral of Blanche K. Bruce, ex-slave, ex-senator and twice register of the treasury, was held here yesterday. The Metropolitan A. M. E. church was crowded with the representative colored population of this city. The ushers were from the officers of the Colored High School Cadet corps.

To Protect Free Labor.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—A bill to protect free labor from prison competition has been introduced by Representative Cochrane of New York.

The Irish Local Government Bill.

LONDON, March 22.—In the house of commons yesterday the Irish local government bill passed a second reading without a division and amid loud cheers.

THE LINE OF ACTION

Maine Court of Inquiry Report Expected on Thursday.

COPY FOR THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT

Report Will Be Sent to Congress and Made Public at the Same Time—Nothing as Yet Received at Washington—Sicard May Have It Now.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The procedure in connection with the submission of the report of the Maine court of inquiry by the president to congress is now clearly outlined, and a cabinet officer explained the general line of action at present intended to be pursued upon receipt of the report, which is expected to reach Washington on Thursday. A copy of it will be laid before the Spanish government very early, and as soon as can be consistently done the report will be sent to congress and made public at the same time. The report to congress will be accompanied by a message from the president stating that after receiving the report the conclusions were laid before the Spanish government and appropriate action from that quarter asked.

It is stated positively that no part of the report and no intimation of the findings have reached the executive authorities at Washington as yet. At the same time it is a noticeable fact that the current of official opinion is beginning to follow that of the unofficial opinion expressed so positively and persistently at Havana and Key West that the cause of the explosion was external to the battleship. Officials here in the administration stated that while they were wholly without exact information as to the findings of the court of inquiry they found themselves sharing in the apparently intangible conviction that the cause of the explosion was not accidental.

Opinion expressed by the Maine survivors who reached here last Saturday doubtless has contributed largely to this view in official circles. In this connection it is understood that one of the officers who arrived on Saturday stated, not as his opinion, but as his personal observation on the night of the disaster, that there were two distinct explosions. The tendency of this is to support the theory of external cause, as this is based on the idea that the first external explosion was followed by a second internal explosion.

Intense interest in the report was manifested at the White House and at the state, war and navy departments. The president received a number of congressional leaders, among them being Speaker Reed and Chairman Hitt of the house committee on foreign affairs. The visit of Mr. Reed naturally attracted much attention, as he seldom leaves the congressional sphere to make calls on executive branches, and it is inferred that the purpose of his visit was to confer upon the Cuban situation and its future before congress, though neither he nor Mr. Hitt was communicative. Secretary Long also had an extended conference with the president, but so far as could be learned it developed nothing additional relating to the Spanish question.

The army and navy appropriations are continuing without interruption, although they have now become so regular as to lapse into routine on a gigantic scale. No further purchases of warships were concluded yesterday, and the negotiations are not assuming a promising aspect, except in showing that the United States can command the market as against Spain.

The ordnance office of the war department presented a very busy scene yesterday when bids were opened for furnishing the department with 1,800 cast iron projectiles for seacoast cannon with which to supply the fortifications. The advertisement called for 187 10-inch solid shot, 916 12-inch mortar shells weighing 800 pounds each and 500 12-inch mortar shells weighing 1,000 pounds each. There was an unusually large number of firms which bid for the contract, and the prices at which they proposed to furnish the projectiles showed a wide range.

The battleship Texas started northward from Key West yesterday, thus settling the question as to the formation of a second squadron at or near Hampton roads. It is expected the Massachusetts will follow in a few days, but the final orders for that move have not been made. The navy department received a preliminary report from one of its agents at Havana, who is watching the progress of the wrecking. It is understood that this refers mainly to the technical work of salvage and not to the question of cause. The judge advocate general's office, where the report was received, will not disclose the details of the report.

CUBANS TO BE RESCUED.

Senator Chandler Declares Editorially the President Will Take Action.

CONCORD, N. H., March 22.—Senator William E. Chandler, in an editorial in his paper, the Concord Monitor, under the caption, "The Cubans to Be Rescued," says:

"The people of New Hampshire, without distinction of party, should, with one accord, support President McKinley in the action he is about to take in the name of the United States to relieve the devastating famine and sickness which are now sending to death the whole Cuban population in the western provinces of the island."

"Read Senator Proctor's vivid description of the horrors. Feeble women and tottering children are no longer to die from starvation and disease."

"Food and medicine and clothing given by the generous people of the United States are to save them. Relief will go with the approval of Spain, if she consents, or will be carried by American sailors and soldiers without that approval if she does not consent."

"To longer tolerate the existing cruelties will dishonor the American name."

tion and the end of starvation and torture is near at hand. Every humane person in this whole land should sustain and bless the president in his coming proclamation, which is to cause the name of William McKinley to be held in sacred reverence by the Cuban generations as long as will be revered the name of Abraham Lincoln by the colored race in America."

Conference in Regard to Dry Tortugas.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—An important conference was held in the office of the secretary of war yesterday in regard to the fortifying of Tortugas harbor. There were present Secretary Alger, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the navy department, General Wilson, chief of engineers, and Colonel Henry M. Robert, corps of engineers. The last named officer was stationed in the Florida district for many years in charge of river and harbor works and fortifications, and his advice therefore is valuable as to the details involved in the establishment of a coaling station at Tortugas and the construction of fortifications and harbor defenses. A troublesome question has arisen in connection with the proposed system of fortifications at Tortugas. The engineer officers who have been investigating the matter estimate that it will cost about \$1,000,000 and take nearly two years to put the island in a proper state of defense from sea attack, and Secretary Alger and his assistants hesitate to embark on an undertaking of that extent unless the navy department considers the work absolutely necessary. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, representing Secretary Long, was not prepared to assume the responsibility without further consultation with the naval officers specially interested in the establishment of the coaling station, and definite action was postponed in order to give him an opportunity to further investigate the matter and report as to the advisability of the proposed engineering work.

Thurston on Cuba.

OMAHA, March 22.—"If the time for the intervention of the United States in the affairs of Cuba is not here now, it never will come," said Senator Thurston to a reporter. "I wired Senator Allen to announce that I would speak on the Cuban question in the senate next Thursday."

The senator says that the only solution of the trouble is intervention unless the people of the United States are willing to look on and see the work of starvation already so far advanced completed. The reconcentrados are absolutely without hope, and if the death lists in any parts of the island are decreasing it is only because the material for starvation to work upon is giving out. All that the reconcentrados can now do, with their homes and implements destroyed by fire, their little farms devastated and growing in weeds, their stock driven off to furnish food for the Spanish soldiers and themselves emaciated and diseased, is to remain in their pens with a look of quiet despair and take the little food that they can get, sent by the charity of the United States. "It is perfectly true," says the senator, that the insurgents practically have the whole island. All that the Spanish hold is Havana, and even while the congressional party was there there was fighting in the suburbs of that city.

Senator Thurston was asked what effect intervention would have in increasing the volume of the insurgent movement. He said that it would have some effect in that direction, for then the Cubans generally would rise and declare themselves.

Fortifying the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The preparations for the defense of the national capital have been practically completed so far as its approach by water is concerned. The battery at Sheridan's point on the Potomac, just above Mount Vernon, is now completely manned and will prove a powerful auxiliary to the main battery at Fort Washington, on the opposite shore of the river, nearer this city. A garrison was established at Fort Washington several months ago. It consists of a detachment of the Fourth artillery from Washington barracks under command of Captain Howe. The work of building the emplacements and mounting the guns at Sheridan's point was completed only a short time ago, and its establishment as a post was accomplished only within the past few days, when Battery K of the Fourth artillery arrived there from Fortress Monroe and went into camp. There are 65 men in the detachment, under command of Captain George G. Greenough of the Fourth artillery.

Working on the Maine Wreck.

HAVANA, March 22.—The divers are working to clear a passage to the 10-inch magazine aft in order to remove the ammunition, but a strong shore breeze, which has been blowing daily for a fortnight, somewhat delays the work all around. On land rain would be grateful to lay the dust and to freshen vegetation.

The cruiser Alfonso XII is ready to occupy the floating dock and to be cleaned. Captain Sigbee and Lieutenant Commander Cowles entertained Consul General Lee, Special Commissioner Klopsch and Mrs. Klopsch yesterday on the Fern.

Politics and the election next month are occupying local attention to the exclusion of most other topics, but the cities and towns outside of Havana are preparing for elections in aid of the Spanish naval fund. Yesterday 70 officers and 600 soldiers who are on the sick list returned to Spain.

Morvation in Cuba.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Dr. Louis Klopsch, now in Cuba in charge of the American relief work, cables from Havana under date of March 21 to the Christian Herald:

"The situation is simply this: Two hundred and five thousand reconcentrados in over one hundred towns are absolutely destitute. Unless we can get

regularly, without a break, 300 tons of cornmeal and 50 tons of lard or bacon every week we cannot effectively relieve the sufferings. Spasmodic and unsystematic efforts defeat all good intentions. Canned goods are useless, and condensed milk should be substituted. Fifteen thousand dollars weekly will feed every starving man, woman and child in Cuba. Small, irregular shipments are only tantalizing."

The Pacific Squadron.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The sailing of the coast defense vessels Monadnock and Monterey from San Diego for San Francisco has been reported to the navy department. The two ships have been in Lower California waters during the past winter engaged in target and other practice, and their departure for the Golden Gate is said to be in accordance with the usual custom each spring of sending them there for any repairs which may be found necessary. The vessels are of the monitor class, and their presence at San Francisco will add much to the naval defense of that city should hostilities occur. They will, in part at least, take the place left vacant by the departure of the battleship Oregon.

Sicard Has the Report.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Rear Admiral Sicard telegraphed yesterday from Key West to Secretary Long that the record of the proceedings and findings of the court of inquiry appointed to investigate the Maine disaster had been formally placed in his hands and that he would forward it to the navy department. The report will be delivered to Secretary Long on Wednesday or Thursday, and those officially interested have been so informed. It is understood in official circles that an officer of the navy, in all probability Lieutenant Commander Marix, the judge advocate of the court, will leave Key West today for Washington with the record in his possession.

Castle Island Closed to the Public.

BOSTON, March 22.—After being open to the public for more than five years for recreation purposes, Castle island, in Boston harbor, was closed yesterday. Orders from Washington to this effect have been expected ever since the work of handling explosives was begun at Fort Independence, on the island, some three weeks ago. More than a score of men have been at work painting torpedo shells and getting ready the wiring and other necessary preliminaries to laying them in position in the harbor if necessary, and visitors interfered with the work. It is thought probable that the island will not be opened to the public again for months.

Spanish Naval Court Has Not Reported.

LONDON, March 22.—The Madrid correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "Senor Sagasta, the premier, declares that the government has not received the report from the Spanish naval court on the Maine disaster; that no definite news has come from Washington in the matter, and that all statements with reference to the United States claiming indemnity or offering to submit the Maine question to arbitration are pure inventions."

Holland Boat Makes a Trip.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The Holland submarine boat made another trip from Perth Amboy, N. J., yesterday afternoon. At a depth of 15 feet under water sheshowed good speed and was handled with ease. After she came to the surface the boat grounded in the soft mud and was hauled off by the tug Erie, which acted as a tender. The boat's conning tower will be filled with electric lights before another trip is made.

Lieutenant Duval's New Post.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Lieutenant Duval has been appointed military aid to Secretary Alger and will relinquish his present connection with the artillery school at Fortress Monroe and take up his residence in this city. It is supposed that Lieutenant Devore, who has been acting as the secretary's military aid since the beginning of this administration, will continue to act in that capacity in conjunction with Duval.

Warships Coaling.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 22.—The United States cruiser Cincinnati has arrived at Port Antonio from Barbados, and the United States gunboats Wilmington and Castine reached there shortly afterward from St. Lucia. The three warships are coaling.

A Kentucky Feud Reopened.

LOUISVILLE, March 22.—One of the bloodiest battles ever fought in the Kentucky mountains took place yesterday afternoon in Harlan county, about 16 miles from Pineville, in which three men were killed and two injured. The killed are Thad Snellings, Josiah Leroy and Wes Taylor. They were at a neighbor's house drinking, when a quarrel arose between Snellings and Taylor, the former firing the first shot, but missing. Taylor, then opened fire, killing Snellings. Leroy, hearing the shooting, rushed to Snellings' defense. Finding him dead, he opened fire on Taylor, both shooting about the same time. When the fracas was over, both were found to be stretched on the ground dead. Two men were wounded by stray bullets, but will recover. The shooting is said to be the outcome of an old grudge which existed between the Snellingses and the Taylors.

Failed to Pass Examination.

WEST POINT, N. Y., March 22.—The following cadets of the fourth class who underwent an intermediate examination were found deficient and discharged: Clifton P. Arnold, Arkansas; Marshall H. Hurt, Alabama; Joseph C. Kay, New York; Allen F. Marriott, Virginia; and Robert F. Roth, Pennsylvania. Herman W. Albery of Ohio resigned. It was the record trial of all these discharged, they having been reappointed. This will end their career at the military academy.



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TOOK CASH AND FLED

Daring Escape From the Dedham House of Correction.

THE GUARD WAS OVERPOWERED.

Two Prisoners Got His Keys, Took \$2,500 From the Safe and Disappeared. Not a Trace of Them Has Been Found as Yet.

DEDHAM, Mass., March 22.—Two prisoners at the Dedham House of Correction, having saved their way out of their cells, overpowered a guard and, after binding him, seized his keys, opened the safe and took about \$2,500 in money belonging to the officials and prisoners and three revolvers and then escaped. They were Patrick E. Gill of Hyde Park, who had served but a few months of a two years' sentence for larceny, and Charles Cook of Walpole, who was awaiting a hearing before the Norfolk county grand jury, charged with breaking and entering. The prisoners occupied adjacent cells.

Only one man, Night Watchman Fairbanks, was on duty. He was thrown down after the men had saved their way out of their cells. His head was covered with a blanket before he had a chance to cry out, and he was quickly bound with a cord which was in the corridor. Then, taking his keys, the prisoners passed into the guardroom and opened the safe, which contained \$150 belonging to S. A. Whitaker, assistant turnkey, and \$2,000 belonging to Turnkey George White, as well as \$350 which had been taken from the prisoners. The fugitives also found three revolvers and some ammunition, which they also appropriated. Then, with the keys which they had taken from the guard, they unlocked the guardroom and the street doors and fled. The watchman, after some time, managed to free himself, and he gave the alarm. All the surrounding towns have been notified, but no trace of the fugitives has been found.

Edward Achorn Returns Home.

BOSTON, March 22.—Edgar O. Achorn of Boston, who resigned his appointment to the American legation at St. Petersburg, has returned home. Mr. Achorn was originally made first secretary by the government. He started for Russia, but on his arrival in Paris he was informed that he had been made second secretary. Upon learning of this Mr. Achorn sent his resignation at once. He declined to discuss the circumstances of the affair further than to say he had originally been appointed first secretary of the American legation and of course would not accept the subordinate position.

To Answer Charges of Bribery.

PHILADELPHIA, March 22.—Peter E. Smith, the twenty-ninth ward Republican politician, who was charged by Councilman Stevenson with having attempted to bribe him to vote for the Schuylkill Water company's bill, then pending in common council, yesterday surrendered himself to District Attorney Graham and gave \$10,000 bail for a hearing on Wednesday before Judges Breay and Gordon. A warrant for Smith's arrest was issued by Judge Gordon last Wednesday, but the fact was kept secret.

Granville W. Smith Dead.

LOUISVILLE, March 22.—Granville W. Smith, one of the most prominent laymen in the Catholic church of America, died at his home here of Bright's disease. He was the founder and at one time president of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America and also at one time prominently identified with the Catholic Knights of America. He was one of the leading members of the Society St. Vincent de Paul and was identified with other church work. Mr. Smith was 63 years old.

Swarthmore's President Resigns.

PHILADELPHIA, March 22.—President Charles De Garmo of Swarthmore college has resigned to accept a chair in the pedagogical department of Cornell university. The resignation was accepted. Professor William W. Birdsell, principal of the Friends' Central school of this city and formerly an instructor in mathematics at the Richmond (Ind.) High school, was chosen to fill the vacancy.

The Defenses of Baltimore.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Colonel Williston, who was recently placed in command of the Sixth artillery, one of the new regiments authorized by congress, conferred with General Miles yesterday in regard to the defenses of Baltimore. He is stationed at Fort McHenry, Md., just outside the Monumental City.

Rhode Island Militia to Be Ready.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., March 22.—Captain McGregor of Company H, First regiment, and Captain Lithgow of Company G, Second regiment, Rhode Island militia, of this city, have received orders from the state headquarters to have their commands placed in immediate readiness for an emergency call.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Karl Tavidsterna, the Swedish poet, is dead.

The steamship La Navarre, which arrived at New York from Havre, brought \$2,200,000 in gold.

The British steamer Clan Lindsay is ashore in Mazeppa bay, near East London, Cape Colony.

Miss Florence St. John, the most popular light opera prima donna in England, who also sang with much success in New York, is dying.

The Duke of Talleyrand and Sacan is dead. He was born in Paris in 1811. His second wife was a daughter of the late Marshal Boniface, Count de Castellane.

The Hudson river flood broke the booms of the Glens Falls Paper Mill company at Fort Edward, N. Y., and hundreds of pulp logs were swept down the stream.

The family of Joel G. Tyler, the former teller of the Safety Fund bank of Pittsburg, Mass., who has been missing since March 10, announce that it is known where Mr. Tyler is and that he has suffered no harm.

The large meat packing house in the city of Mexico recently established by Morris & Butts of Kansas City has been completely destroyed by fire. The loss is \$1,500,000, with not a dollar of insurance.

THE KAISER MURDER.

Trial of James Clemmer For the Murder Unexpectantly Postponed.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 22.—The trial of James A. Clemmer, charged with the murder of Mrs. Emma Kaiser on Oct. 28, 1895, which began yesterday, came to a sudden stop before any of the jury had been selected and was postponed until the June term of court.

This unexpected turn of affairs was the result of a petition by the defense that the panel of jurors be quashed on the charge that Jury Commissioners Troy and McDowell had irregularly drawn the panel and for various other technical reasons. It was alleged that the commissioners had drawn the entire panel for personal and political reasons.

When court opened, Judge Swartz, who tried the victim's husband, Charles O. Kaiser, who has already been convicted of the crime, sat beside Judge Weand, who is to try Clemmer. The usual preliminaries disposed of, counsel for Clemmer presented the petition and began to examine witnesses in support of it. It was developed that Jury Commissioner Troy sealed the jury wheel with his corruption, claiming it was his seal. He admitted sending out a circular letter to the Democratic county committee asking for the names of men who could act as jurors. Commissioner Troy said that as he was elected on the Democratic ticket he thought he had to get Democrats for the jury. When the circular letter was submitted, it appeared that the commissioners had followed the precedents established by those whom they succeeded in office.

After a recess of several hours, Judge Weand sustained the motion to quash and fixed the date of the trial for the June term.

STRIKE OF MINERS EXPECTED.

Pennsylvania Coal Diggers Resolve to Quit Work on April 1.

CLEVELAND, March 22.—A dispatch from Sharon, Pa., says: Coal diggers in Mercer, Lawrence and Butler counties threaten a strike to begin on April 1. Patrick Dolan, district president, and William Warner, secretary of the United Mine Workers, attended a meeting at Mercer Courthouse. Twenty-six miners' delegates were present and only one operator. The miners resolved to join the Pittsburgh district and enforce the Chicago agreement, quitting work on April 1 and remaining out until the operators agree to the schedule. Several thousand men will be involved in the strike.

Amazonas to Be Renamed New Orleans.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Secretary Long has issued an order that the Amazonas, the cruiser recently purchased at Newcastle-on-Tyne from the Brazilian government, hereafter shall bear the name of New Orleans, in honor of the principal city of Louisiana.

Killed by a Switch Engine.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., March 22.—Harry Refeld, an employee of the General Electric company, was struck by a switch engine in the yard of the General Electric works and killed.

LUMINOUS PAINT.

Used for a Variety of Purposes in City and Country.

Luminous paint is used more in the country than in the city, but its use generally is increasing, says the New York Sun. It is used in cities in dark scenes in the theaters, and dancers' costumes are coated with it. Luminous paint is used for the illumination of doctors' signs, and of street numbers, and night bells, and keyholes and door knobs, and it is used to paint match boxes and various other things. It is not luminous except in the dark, and so, for sign purposes, it is used only in such places as are not reached by the rays from the street lamp.

Luminous paint is not phosphorescent, but it absorbs light in the day, or light from electric or other artificial lights, which it gives out in the dark; most commonly, indoors and out, it is used upon objects that are exposed to daylight. The distance at which such objects can be seen at night depends upon their size. Luminous paint is used in the country on highway signboards or guideboards, for painting posts or stones marking roadways, and so on, and on the water it is used for painting harbor buoys.

There is also made luminous cardboard, which is used for various purposes.

Kerosene a Bane to China.

China, or at least some of the officials of China, wished a few years ago to retaliate for American Chinese restriction laws by laws prohibiting the importation of American kerosene. Chang Chitung, viceroy of Canton, addressed a memorial to the emperor, in which he arraigned kerosene as the greatest menace to the peace and prosperity of the empire. It burned up 400 houses in Swatow, he said, and cost 800 people their lives. Soon afterward it burned 1,000 houses in Canton and destroyed \$10,000,000 worth of property. It was responsible, he declared, for nine-tenths of the fires that occurred every winter in Canton.

Economy in Hauling.

When hauling a load it is better to have the horses draw as much as they can, making the load the maximum in weight, as the horses have traveled the distance whether the load is small or large, and it is the time lost in traveling that makes hauling expensive. If the roads are good heavy loads can be carried. If not then two trips must be made and smaller loads carried. Let any farmer estimate how much he loses as the difference in large and small loads, and loss of time in the mud, and he will make less objection to road tax in the future.—Prairie Farmer.

Wide Tires Improve Roads.

In a South Jersey town all the freight wagons were changed to wide tires over a year ago, and since that time their roads have kept in much better condition.

Venetian Shoes.

The traveled lady who returns from Venice with Venetian shoes belonging to the sixteenth century is looked upon with envy by feminine shoe collectors.

THE EDGE OF A DOLLAR

doesn't look so big as the face of it.—the woman who buys soap for house-cleaning loses sight of economy—she looks at her money edgewise. The woman who values her money as well as her strength uses

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Dated January 10th, 1898.
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Our Removal Sale has attracted unprecedented business. The enormous values sent out are daily bringing in new trade, which finds every expectation realized. We will make it worth while for any one to visit our store during the balance of our Removal Sale, ever if you live 50 miles from here. You should forget distance, because such values as these were never offered before.

REMOVAL SALE OF

Three big lots. Lot 1—EMBROIDERIES. Here is a bargain that you will long remember with pleasure. Hamburg Embroidery in many sizes, used and unused, deep needlework, 4 to 6 inches wide, regular price 8 to 10c a yard. Removal sale price 6c per yard.

LOT 2—WIDER Worth 12 to 15c a yard—EMBROIDERIES. Sale price 8c.

LOT 3—Still wider and finer goods, worth 15 to 18c a yard. Removal price 10c a yard.

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LADIES' DRESS Two big bargains for this week.

LADIES' BLACK SILK LUSTRE Brilliantly striped, lined and interfaced, full yards wide, closed seams, worth \$4. Removal sale price \$2.50.

LADIES' SEPARATE DRESS SKIRTS In black figured Brillantine, regular price \$2.50. Removal sale price \$1.25.

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BEST 12 1/2c DRESS GINGHAMS 8 1/2c.

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UP THE MIDLAND.
Our Correspondent says a Word Concerning Himself—The Rockland Bridge—Good Prospects for Trout Fishing—Hard Times for Farmers—Five Horse Milk Wagon Service for Roscoe—Too Many Horses—A Good Shot.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—I seldom say anything about myself and only want to say now that I am just recovering from a serious attack of inflammation of the kidneys, and that I am pulling through with one of them in bad shape. The doctor has agreed to fix it up a little if I pay him for it, and the result cannot yet be determined. The only thing that I am sure of is that my kidneys, I don't know how it is with other people's, are very important organs to me, and the doctor.

—Leighton, has secured both of the old Roscoe bridges and they are now in the town of Hancock. It seems strange that some of the members of the Rockland town Board should have kicked against the sale of these bridges after they had audited bills of ex-Commissioner Sturdevant and found while doing so that they had been sold and paid for. Perhaps it was an afterthought.

—It looks as if trout fishing would be good this season. The winter has been favorable and as the snow is nearly all gone so early in the season, the water will be in fine warm condition and the trout will move about lively. They generally do get about lively enough to suit the average fishermen, but it is a well laid down rule that the less snow water there is in the streams the better the fishing at the opening of the season.

—There farmers of these milk and butter producing counties can see no difference between Cleveland hard times and McKinley prosperity unless once in a while there is one who has a few bushels of potatoes to sell. They have been fooled badly and some of them know it. There was a time in Roman history when the abandoned farms were given to those who would mark them. It looks as if we might be drifting that way now, but there will be no takers.

—It is nothing strange in some parts of Orange county to see milk wagons going out from creameries with enormous loads and four horses hitched to them. During the past two weeks the milk has been brought in to the Delhi creamery from the Elk Creek region with five horses hitched to the wagon. This is good evidence of the enormous quantity of milk that is sent out each day from that section.

—The Review is making a great effort to have sewers for Roscoe. Property owners in that thrifty fast growing town should not be deaf to its pleadings. Roscoe has existed long enough for its soil by this time to be filled with the filth that is always sure to follow a large population. With a proper sewerage system, that need not be expensive, it could be made and kept one of the most healthy villages in the State. Now that a large increase of summer boarders are expected to fill the many new and large houses in and about Roscoe, its cleanliness, healthiness and consequent popularity can only be assured by sewerage.

—This whole section of the State is horse poor and still the dealers keep landing carload after carload at every point where they can sell them. The farming community is richest that has just enough horses to do the work properly, and everything more than that is a drain upon its finances even during these periods of McKinley prosperity. You can hardly find a farmer or teamster but that has double the number of horses they can use at a profit, and still a few more colts are expected next week. The horse dealers are doing their best to make a living, and in this condition continue much longer what is left by the Republicans will be gobbled up by them.

—Coroner Miller, of Sullivan county, is a pretty good shot with a revolver, and never goes out nights without his Smith & Wesson in his pocket, ready for use should some tramp ask him to "come down" while on his way home during the "wee short hours about the twa," with his pockets well filled as the reward for ushering some wretch of humanity into this troublesome world of care and woe. The good doctor wanted to shoot the other day, and seeing what he supposed was a fungus growth at the foot of a maple tree, blazed away. He had made a good shot, and he knew it; and after getting over the fence to investigate, he found that he had been shooting at a pile of sap buckets, and had sent a bullet clear through the whole thing.

OTISVILLE.
A Deer's Visit—Dramatic Club's Entertainment—Visiting Her Sisters—Gone for His Mother.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—A deer passing through here on Wednesday last created quite an excitement on its quiet town. It was followed up the mountain for some distance, but the farmers returned without the deer. We have since learned it escaped from a private park.

—The Dramatic Club, of Otisville, Friday, March 25, at Van Duzer's Hall, will play "The Last Leaf." The characters are:

Caleb Hanson.....Wm. Northrup
Mark Ashton.....Joe Northrup
Harry Hanson, Caleb's son.....Frank Vail
Tom Choyle, butcher.....Hart Lodge
Dick Baste, baker.....Chas. Harding
Kate Ashton, Mark's wife.....Miss Blanche Northrup
Lilly Ashton, the daughter.....Miss Emma Otto
Fatty Jones, a maid.....Miss Myra Green

The merits of this popular club are well known and its plays have always proved a success, so we bespeak for it a full house.

—Mrs. Becker, of Troy, N. Y., has been for the past days visiting her sisters, Miss Lulu Wright and Mrs. Kaufmann.

—Eugene Linch, of Delhi, N. Y., called at Mr. Beyea's, Friday.

—Mrs. U. K. Still, of Middletown, was calling upon friends here last week.

—Miss Harriet Boyen and Master Willie Smith left, Monday, for Brooklyn, expecting to remain until Monday next.

—Rev. R. J. Diven left for Blairsville, Pa., Monday, on No. 6. He goes to bring his mother to the manse for an extended visit. On Sunday next, he will preach for Rev. Dr. Bonner at Florida. Rev. Mr. Park will preach both morning and evening in the Presbyterian Church here.

MT. SALEM.
A Surprise Party—Oyster Supper—Cottage Prayer Meeting—Personal and Local Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—M. Van Inwegen purchased a horse of Andrew Van Fleet, last week.

—Oscar Dunn is visiting his namesake near Quarryville.

—A surprise party was given J. H. Dunn's family by the young people in this vicinity, last Friday night.

—The Baptist Young People's Society of Mt. Salem will have an oyster supper, Tuesday evening, March 29, at the home of Erastus Cortright. If stormy next air evening.

—Bowdoin Cortright and daughter, Bertie, and Mrs. Enos Brink are spending a few days with relatives in Middletown.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Stoll spent Saturday and Sunday with friends near Pine Island.

—The weekly cottage prayer meeting will be held at the home of John Emmet Casterline, Thursday night. Topic—"God's unfailing promises," xci Psalm.

—Ed. Carpenter is on the sick list.

—Lewis S. Smith has sold to Andrew Van Fleet a fine three year old colt, which ought to make a good roadster.

—Mrs. Alanson Potts was taken quite ill, Saturday, with pleurisy. She is under the care of Dr. Dennis, of Unionville.

UNIONVILLE.
Mr. Ellenberger's Concert.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

The concert which will be given in Empire Hall, Thursday evening, March 24th, under the direction of D. D. Ellenberger, will be a musical treat, and none should miss it. Some of Middletown's best talent will be introduced, in a programme of classical and humorous selections. Don't fail to hear the comic O. P. R. A., which will be rendered by the following voices:

Miss Susie Bell Armstrong, soprano.
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Harry Fisher, tenor (late of Wilbur Opera Co.).
Lorenzo Ellenberger, baritone.
D. D. Ellenberger, basso.
Andrew Baird, pianist.

Admission 25 cents; children 15 cents.

AMITY.
Personal Notes—Y. P. S. C. E. "Country School" Entertainment and Supper.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Miss Brice is improving.

—Miss Bessie Roy is confined to her bed with rheumatism.

—The Y. P. S. C. E. will give an entertainment entitled "The Country School" in the church on Friday evening, March 25. Admission ten cents. A supper will be served after the entertainment.

WEST TOWN.
A Salmon Social.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—A salmon social will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Huit, of Unionville, Friday evening of this week, March 25th. A suitable entertainment will be provided for. Come and enjoy a good time.

Stop dragging yourself with quack nostrums or "cures." Get a well-known pharmaceutical remedy that will do the work. Catarrh and Cold in the head will not cause suffering if Ely's Cream Balm is used. Druggists will supply 10c trial size or 50c. full size. We mail it.

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NEW HAMPTON.
Many Fishermen—Personal Notes—Young Ladies' Literary Club.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Fishermen have been very numerous the past few days, but for some unexplained reason no suckers have as yet been caught.

—Mrs. Ida Purdy, who has been ill with the grip, is again able to be out.

—Benj. Hatchell, who has been ill, is improving.

—Mrs. William Owen and son, Willie, of Port Jervis, are visiting her sister, Mrs. H. T. Stage.

—The Young Ladies' Literary Club will hold its meeting, Saturday afternoon, at the home of Miss Gussie Wickham.

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It is in the form of suppositories, easily applied, absolutely free from opium, cocaine or any injurious substance, whatever, and no matter how severe the pain, gives instant relief, not by deadening the nerves of the parts but rather by its healing, soothing effect upon the congested membranes.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is the most effective, the safest and most extensively sold of any Pile Cure that has ever been placed before the public, and this reputation has been secured by reason of its extraordinary merit and the reasonable price at which it is sold, all druggists selling it at 50 cents and \$1 per package and in many cases a single package has been sufficient.

A person takes serious chances in neglecting a simple case of piles as the trouble soon becomes deep seated and chronic, and very frequently develops into fatal incurable rectal diseases, like fistula and rectal ulcers.

Any druggist will tell you the Pyramid is the safest, most satisfactory pile cure made.

The Pyramid Co., Marshall, Mich., will send to any address a treatise on cause and cure of piles, also a book of testimonials.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address:

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What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. W. D. Olney.

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I have placed on my counters some shoes at \$1 a pair to close out the lines. They are all fine goods, some of them are hand turned shoes that formerly sold for four dollars and fifty cents a pair. We haven't all the sizes—they are mostly 2 1/2, 3 and 3 1/2 in size. Any lady wearing these sizes in A or B width can get a good bargain at the one price shoe store of

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bring say 4 per cent. I give you as good ones at 5 per cent.—an increase of 25 per cent. in this much of your income. Your best home mortgages bring 5 per cent, mine are as good and bring 6 per cent—an increase of 20 per cent. If you put your 4 per cent. money in my 6 per cent. loans which have stood up better than your home loans for seventeen years, we add 60 per cent. to this much of your income; that is, \$1,000 becomes worth \$1,500. Are you neglecting a duty to those dependent upon you?

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Dr. Bull's
Very many people have disordered kidneys. Symptoms: Pains in the back and pain, urinary. Dr. Bull's Kidney Pills will promptly regulate the action of the kidneys and restore good health.

Millions of Pearl-line

Going to Cuba?
Then
Look at Our Map!

In the south window. But no matter where you go, you must have protection against the RAINS we are going to have. To that end we recommend our Umbrella stock.

Men's	A Bargain Lot of	Use
Umbrellas 49 Cents. And they are good Umbrellas too. Strong, durable and fast black. Same thing in ladies' style handle. Same price.	Half Hose. 25 doz., seamless, 10c a pair, 6 pairs 25c. 25 doz., seamless, 7c a pair, 4 pairs 25c. 10 doz., seamless, black, tan and blue 1/2c a pair.	Envelopes? Most people do. Here's a chance to save money—250 envelopes 25c. North window.
Steel Rod Umbrella 69 Cents. Fine Twisted Sateen, of lasting color. Commonly sold at \$1.50 a pair will wear longer than ALL SILK.	Children's Ribbed Hose. Exceptional bargains, black with fine rib, seamless, 5 to 9 1/2, at 10 CENTS.	You Will Be Moving Perhaps, and want a Hammer. In the basement are some good ones at 10 CENTS.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 22.—Rain
and warmer, to-night; clearing and
colder by Wednesday afternoon; south-
erly winds shifting to northwesterly.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermom-
eter at York's drug store to-day:
7 A. M., 49°; 12 M., 40°; 3 P. M., 40°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—March 25—Dime entertainment in Y. M. C. A.
rooms.
—March 25—Entertainment at St. Paul's M. E.
Church.
—March 25—Van Ingen, Greek Art, Literary
Club's lecture course.
—April 11—19th annual ball of Division No. 1,
A. O. U. at Assembly Rooms.
—April 12—Lancelot Lodge, K. of P., enter-
tainment, at Castle Hall.
—April 14—H. A. G. T. Club dance, at Assembly
Rooms.
—April 15—John Thomas Concert Co., at Casino.
—April 15—Walkin' Tugboat Company's ball.
—April 18—Ball of Middletown Lodge, B. of E.
T., at Assembly Rooms.The National Brotherhood of Bar-
keepers was incorporated Saturday. Its
headquarters will be in Brooklyn, and
its object is the elevation and improve-
ment of the barkeepers of the State.The new Common Council finds the city
treasury worse than empty, and one of
its first official acts is to borrow money
with which to keep the city's govern-
ment in operation till this year's taxes
are collected. It is most unfortunate
that this should be the case, but respon-
sibility for the city's "busted" condition
does not rest on the present Council.The Senate, last night, fixed on March
31st as the date of the Legislature's
final adjournment. The Assembly will,
of course, concur, as the matter has been
made a Republican party measure, the
leaders of the machine being anxious to
get the Legislature away from Albany
before it does anything more than it has
done to ensure Republican defeat, next
fall.The discussion now going on in some
papers as to the President's right to call
out the State troops and as to where
they could be sent if ordered out is utterly
profitless. If the United States has
need of soldiers the members of the
national guard will be only too willing
to respond to the President's call, and
once in the federal service will do as
American soldiers always have done, go
where they are sent.The Journal of Commerce has had a
careful canvass made of the various in-
dustries of the United States to ascertain
what proportion of them has been wholly
or partially organized into trusts, pools
and combinations. It was found that
there are over 200 such organizations,
with a capitalization in stocks and bonds
of \$3,662,000,000. This is equal to 56
per cent. of the whole capital credited to
all manufacturers in this country by the
census of 1890. A few more State and
United States laws against trusts would
probably result in all the manufacturing
capital of the country going into combi-
nations against the public welfare.Excise Commissioner Lyman's report
upsets the popular belief that New York
city is the place above all others in the
State where the liquor trade thrives and
flourishes. There are in the city 36
drinking places to each 1,000 of popula-
tion. In Ontario, John Raines' own
county, they number 3.9; in Oneida 5.5;
in Queens 8.1; in Chemung 5.4; in Orange
4.4; in Ulster 5.6; in Albany 4.4; in Erie
5.7; in Columbia 5.6; in Rensselaer 5.
These figures are not surprising. The
heavy taxes laid on the liquor business
in New York closed many places, but in
the rural counties the lighter taxes were
met by nearly every hotel and saloon.
The Raineslaw, whatever may be claimed
for it, is not a temperance measure in the
rural counties.The grave and reverend judges of the
Supreme Court of the United States have
just decided that a man can wear tight
shoes if he wants to without vitiating
an accident insurance policy. The case
came up from Missouri, where a man
died from blood poisoning which had its
origin in an abrasion of the skin on one
of his feet. The company in which he
held an accident policy refused payment,
claiming that the abrasion which caused
the blood poisoning was not due to ac-
cident, but was the natural result of
wearing tight shoes. The Supreme Court
brushes this contention aside by saying:
"What is not the result of design or pre-
arrangement is accidental. No man in-
tentionally wears the skin off his toes,
and such injury must be considered ac-
cidental."

HOSTILITIES RESUMED IN CUBA

Offers of Practical Independence Said
to Have Been Made and Rejected:
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.HAVANA, March 22.—It is now positive-
ly known that negotiations between
Gen. Pandos, Delegates Ramieries and
Charves and Gen. Galixio Garcia and
other prominent insurgents, in which
were made what were said to be final
offers of practical independence, have
proved an absolute failure.
No particulars have yet been received
at the Palace as to place or particulars
of meeting but the failure of the negotia-
tions is known since hostilities, which
were suspended in order to allow ne-
gotiations, were at once resumed.

READY FOR FIELD SERVICE.

Gen. Tillinghast Forms the Separate
Companies into Battalions and Ap-
points Field Officers.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALBANY, March 22.—Adjutant General
Tillinghast, to-day, issued an order com-
bining the separate companies of the
national guard into battalions, so as to
have them prepared for battalion and
regimental organization and field work.
The order includes a hurried call for
the appointment of field officers so that
there will be a complete organization of
the separate companies into battalion
formation with field officers ready to
take command.

FINDINGS IN THE MAINE CASE.

Cabinet Decides That the Report Will
Not Be Made Public This Week.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—After the
Cabinet meeting, to-day, the following
statement was given out from an official
source:"It was understood at the Cabinet
meeting, to-day, that the report of the
Court of Inquiry probably would be here
Thursday or Friday; that it is a very
voluminous document, and that proba-
bly it will not be given to the press and
to Congress before Monday, since the
President will require that much time for
its proper consideration."

THE SPANISH MINISTER'S TRIP.

Telegraphs His Government That the
Court of Inquiry's Report Finds the
Explosion of External Origin.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MADRID, March 22.—The Spanish
government has received a despatch
from its minister at Washington, Senor
Bernabe, saying that the report of the
United States Naval Court appointed to
inquire into the loss of the battleship
Maine holds that the explosion was of
external origin.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

Nothing Known as to the Details of Its
Report.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

KEY WEST, March 22.—Decision
reached by the Court of Inquiry is still a
matter of surmise. The Court will re-
main in existence subject to the call of
Admiral Sicard.

THE BLOW WAS FATAL.

A Trenton Pugilist Dies of Injuries Re-
ceived in a Boxing Bout.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

TRENTON, March 22.—Henry Brown, a
local pugilist, who was injured in a box-
ing bout with Jack Smith, last night,
died this morning. Smith is still in jail
and is being held without bail.

BASE BALL NOTES.

—Charles, better known as "Gosben
Bill" Tierney, will doubtless be selected
as the star twirler for St. John's College
base ball team this season. He is said
to be in the front rank of candidates and
in superb condition.

WILL ADJOURN MARCH 31ST.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALBANY, March 22.—The Assembly to-
day concurred in the Senate's amend-
ment to the adjournment resolution, making
March 31st the date for adjournment.

GEN. TILLINGHAST'S ORDER.

The 24th Already in the 11th Battalion
The Battalion Officers.Members of the 24th will be interest-
ed in the Albany despatch to the ef-
fect that Gen. Tillinghast has issued an order forming
the separate companies into battalions
and appointing field officers so that the
companies may be ready for field service.Some nine months ago the 24th, the
5th and 10th, of Newburgh, the 14th, of
Kingston, and the 16th, of Catskill, were
formed into the 11th Battalion, with
Capt. Chase, of the 5th, as major. The
other battalion officers are: Lieut. Mapes,
of Newburgh, adjutant; Lieut. J. D.
Stivers, quartermaster, and Serg. F. S.
Hathaway, sergeant-major.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetiz-
ing, nourishing food drink to take the
place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and
baked by all who have used it because
when properly prepared it tastes like the
finest coffee but is free from all its in-
jurious properties. Grain-O aids di-
gestion and strengthens the nerves. It
is not a stimulant but a health builder
and children, as well as adults, can drink
it with great benefit. Costs about
one-fourth as much as coffee, 15 and 25c.Seekers after gold are often disappoint-
ed. Seekers after health take Hood's
Sarsaparilla and find it meets every ex-
pectation.

ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

Middletown bicyclists will be interest-
ed in knowing that subscriptions are
being secured in Port Jervis toward the
expense of cutting down the hill at Cum-
mings', on the Millford road, or buying a
right of way for the road around the
hill.Mayor Mance has been presented by
an old fashioned spinning wheel which
was found in the late home of C. J.
Sloat. It will occupy a place of honor in
the Mayor's parlor."Ben" Smith has captured the famous
Parker gun which was owned by the
late C. J. Sloat. Several local hunters
were after it, but Mr. Smith's bid of \$60
was accepted. Just what Mr. Smith
wanted of it is a mystery to the others
who wanted it. He has a gun exactly
the same as the one just purchased, hav-
ing a cured it at the same time that Mr.
Sloat purchased his. He at least has the
distinction of having the two best guns
in the city, a fact which will be generally
conceded by gunners.The mistake which vitiated the vote on
the water question emphasizes the wis-
dom of President Tierney's recommenda-
tion that copies of the charter be printed
containing all amendments. These amend-
ments should be inserted in the place
of the sections they modify or supersede
and a carefully prepared index should
be added, for without an index the
charter is of mighty little use. After
the copies have been printed every Alder-
man should be given a copy and forced
to study it diligently and carefully until
he is master of the salient provisions.
Familiarity with the city's organic law
will be a great help to good government,
and will prevent blunders, which, to put
it mildly, make the city ridiculous.

In the Social World.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kinsley Wilcox
have issued invitations for cards, Thurs-
day night.

How's This!

We offer One hundred dollars Re-
ward for any case of Catarrh that can
not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., To-
ledo, Ohio.We, the undersigned, have known
F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and
believe him perfectly honorable in all
business transactions and financially
able to carry out any obligation
made by their firm.
West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists,
Toledo, O., Walzing, Kinnam & Mar-
vin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken inter-
nally, acting directly upon the blood
and mucous surfaces of the system.
Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all
Druggists. Testimonials free.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A Giant Nerve Builder.

The Myotice Life Renewer is the most
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lutely cures all forms of nervous dis-
eases and weakness no matter how ag-
gravated or of how long duration, such
as neuralgia, nervous prostration,
nervous paroxysms, St. Vitus's dance,
palpitation of the heart, physical and
mental weakness, debility of old age etc.
Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire
Block, Druggists, Middletown.Children and adults tortured by burns,
scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases
may secure instant relief by using De-
Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the
great Pile remedy. W. D. Olney.Dr. Bull's
Cough
Syrup.The timely use of this world-
renowned remedy, prevents
fatal results of bronchitis,
grippe, pleurisy and pneu-
monia. 25 cents everywhere.

DIED.

WALSH.—At New Hampton, March 19th, '98,
Margaret Walsh, aged seventy-five years.
Funeral Wednesday, at nine-thirty a. m., from
her late residence, and at St. Joseph's Church,
in this city, at eleven o'clock, where a solemn
mass of requiem will be celebrated. Interment
in family plot, St. Joseph's Cemetery.FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director
and Embalmer, 90 North street. Telephone
No. 1. Lady assistant, New York office 164 East
16th street, with E. E. Taylor & Co.KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Em-
balmer, 42 West Main street corner James,
Middletown, N. Y. Great Jones St., New York
city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 16.JOHN DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer,
124 North street. Fine coaches to let. Tele-
phone 16. Lady assistant. Open day and night.DOUGHERTY & REILLY, Undertakers and
Embalmer, 50 Cottage street, Middletown.
Telephone 42, night and day. New York office, 53
Great Jones street. Also long distance telephone.
Lady assistant.I. D. OSTERHOUT, Undertaker and Embalmer,
1. Lady assistant. Telephone 156, Middletown,
N. Y. 46 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, 46 Great
Jones street, New York.

Easter Sunday is April 10th.

You will need a new Spring Suit, a new Hat and Tie.
We have them in the latest and most pleasing styles.
Have you seen our latest Spring Overcoats? They
are beauties.
50 cent Ties are now 25 cents.
The best values in Working Shirts in the city.
Sole agents for Knox Hats.ADAMS & BOYD,
No. 41 North Street, Middletown.

LACE CURTAINS!

Now is the time you want them. We are showing a very at-
tractive line, consisting of Nottinghams at 43, 75, 85c., \$1, \$1 25,
\$1 50, \$1 75, \$2, \$2 50 and up per pair. Irish Points at \$4 75, \$5,
\$6, \$6 75, \$7 50, \$8 50 and up to \$12 75 p r pair. Fish Nets from
\$4 to \$7 50 per pair. Point Calais \$6 75 per pair and up. Brus-
sells \$7 50. Point de Esprit and Tamboured Curtains, various
qualities, together with a large stock of Curtain Materials by the
yard at low prices for reliable goods.

CARSON & TOWNER,

No. 11 West Main Street.

Telephone 166.

Farm Harness, Horse Collars
AND
SWEAT COLLARS.

We carry a large line of the above named goods.

Call and look them over.

JOHN T. OGDEN & SON, 40 W. Main St.

A GOOD TIME TO BUY.

Note the Prices and the
Qualities.1 case Boys' Ribbed Bicycle
Hose 2 for 25c1 case three-thread Ribbed
Hose, EXTRA STRONG, 10c.1 case Oneonta Hose (ladies')
a 15c hose, 10c.1 case real Coutille Corsets, a
50c corset, 39c.1 case Ferris Waists, ladies'
and child's, 25, 50, 75c., \$1.1 case celebrated Jackson
Waists, ladies', \$1.1 case Bleached Muslin 5c,
the 7c quality.1 bale Brown Sheetting 5c, the
7c quality.20 kinds Dress Goods, re-
duced from \$2.39 per dress, now
\$1 69.Hundreds of bargains in all
departments.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,

No. 39 North Street.

My last year's magazines
that I had bound at
McINTYRE'S BINDERY,
32 North St., Middletown,
look fine and the price was
all right.

Thunder and Lightning

Has made its appearance, also
our stock ofSPRING
CAPES!

DON'T BE AFRAID OF EITHER.

We Know the Prices

on Our Capes

Will Not Hurt You, Even if They

are So Low that They

Scare You.

STOP AND EXAMINE THEM

WHEN OUT SHOPPING.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,

No. 27 West Main Street.

SIX KINDS

of Kodaks or Cameras always in
stock. These are of the Eastman
make, and there are no better
makers of cameras than the East-
man Co.If you are thinking of Kodaks,
let us give you a catalogue of
them.Full line of the Eastman Pho-
tographic Supplies, Film, Plates,
Sodio and Blue Print Paper, Ton-
ing Solutions, Developing Out-
fits, Tripods, Mounts, etc., al-
ways on hand. Same is true of
Stationery.

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.

'98-Spring and Summer-'98

Warm weather is coming on
apace, and we are ready for it as
far as clothing is concerned, hav-
ing already placed on our coun-
ters a carefully selected stock
of the best gotten up ready-made
goods that we have ever seen—it
is not too much to say that they
are "perfect fitting." They will
fit any one of any shape. THESE
GOODS ARE NOT SOLD to any oth-
er dealer in the city.

THE BEST OF ALL

to you is—it is the cheapest line
of clothing for quality and price,
that we have ever offered—Clay
worsted, young men's natty sum-
mer suits, old men's "all the
year round" suits, all kinds are
included in this lot. We should
be pleased to do something for
you in the custom line too. We
have nice new goods. We make
nice, clean fits. Our customers
are pleased.

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16-18 East Main St., Middletown
CLOTHIER, HATTER, MERCHANT TAILOR.

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Dealer in Foreign and Domestic

Wines, : Liquors
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Meals on the European Plan.

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For Balls and Entertainments.

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LUMBER!"When wood first came to be employed in the
arts, the durability, fragrance and beauty of
Cypress caused it to be selected for costly build-
ings such as the palace of David and the temple of
Solomon."
History repeats itself, and Cypress is again
coming in general use in the best buildings, for
the following reasons:
It will take paint better than any other wood.
It partakes of the highest polish.
It is the most durable wood in the world.
It is proof against insects and vermin.
It will not rot and is cheap.

FOR SALE BY

CRANE & SWAYZE,

11-19 Montgomery St., Middletown.

A NEW
HAT!We have taken the agency
for a new brand called the
"Emerson." This hat is made
from the best stock and trim-
mings obtainable. There is no
better. It is sold in other
towns for \$3. Our price is
\$2.50. We would ask those
who have been paying \$3 and
\$4 to try an "Emerson" hat.

MORRIS B. WOLF,

Blue Front Store,

One Price Only,

10 North St.

Always in the Lead at STERN'S.

The arrival of new spring goods at our store consists of

NEW SPRING CAPES, JACKETS, SHIRT WAISTS, SILK WAISTS
and a Fine Line of Separate Dress Skirts.A Satin Brocaded Skirt for \$4.95 is a beauty. We are showing quite a line of Spring
Millinery in all its branches. Come and see at our handsome store.

L. STERN 13-15 NORTH ST.



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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N.Y.

Sweet scents for those who love the pleasant smell of flowers. Here's "Apple Blossom," our newest perfume. The dainty pink and white blossoms so soon to beautify our orchards, send their perfume in advance to greet you. We look for great popularity for this, our latest "origination" in perfumes, "Apple Blossom."

Here's "Trailing Arbutus." Though your search for the wee hiding plant be successful, the flower quickly fades. Its odor lingers long in our Extract Trailing Arbutus, a popular favorite for several years.

And here's "Italian Violet," so true to name that, shut your eyes and you fancy fresh violets are before you. (Other perfume makers use the title "Italian Violet," our regular customers know the difference. This word of caution is for others.)

Our Perfumery List includes many other odors of highest quality, best value, all our own make. "American perfumes, made in America, for all true Americans."

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy.)

CARPETS!

They are beginning to move. We are booking orders ahead, and are not surprised, as our stock is NEW, CLEAN and UP-TO-DATE. We have NO OLD GOODS to show, either in

FURNITURE, CARPETS OR CROCKERY,

and you will find THE BEST VALUES FOR YOUR DOLLAR AT

The Cheapest Place in the City.

FRANCE &

HATHAWAY,

25 AND 27 EAST MAIN STREET
Agent's Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machines. Best in the world.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Washers and ironing wanted.
—Mention of Lady Macbeth, this evening.
—Household goods at auction, March 25th.
—Postponed auction, March 25th.
—Bread baked at Hoyt & Galloway's.
—Red cypress lumber at Crane & Swartz's.
—All kinds dentistry at F. M. Barnes.
—Farm horses at John T. Ogden & Son's.
—Farewell sale at Geo. B. Adams & Co's.
—Carpet and wall paper sale at C. Emmet Crawford's.
—When ailing, take Mendenhall's Remedies.
—Backache cured by Benson's Capelin Plasters.
—Colds cured by Hale's Horsebalm, Honey and Tar.
—Dyspepsia cured by Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Pills.
—For kidney troubles, take Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—"A Gay New Yorker" at the Casino, Friday evening.

—The Herak's weatherforecast is that for the next few days we'll have snow, rain and gales,—March weather in earnest.

—The S. Grover Graham Company has been incorporated in Newburgh with a capital of \$100,000 to manufacture a dyspepsia cure.

—"I'm not a nurseryman," remarked the father of girl twins, "and yet I've got a nursery where I'm growing a couple of peaches."

—"Green goods men" have recently been trying to work some of the residents of the Short Cut Valley, but apparently without success.

—A collection for the relief of the suffering Cubans was taken in the Port Jervis Reformed Church, Sunday morning, which amounted to \$68.

—Mayor Mance's appeal for contributions for the relief of the starving Cubans ought to meet with a hearty response from the charitable people of Middletown.

—Special scenery and novel electrical effects are carried by the management of the "Gay New Yorker" Company which will appear at the Casino, next Friday evening.

—Prof. Van Ingen will lecture on "Greek Sculpture" in the First Presbyterian lecture room, Friday evening. It will be the last lecture in the literary club's course.

—Although the trout season in Pike county does not open until May 1st, fishermen, who do not obey the law, are already whipping the streams, taking fish of any size.

—Pretty girls, tuneful music, beautiful costumes and charming dances are promised with the farce comedy company, "A Gay New Yorker," at the Casino, next Friday evening.

—Middletown was one of the few cities in the State that didn't ask to have one of the new cruisers named after it, and therefore Middletown ranks to-day with Albany as one of the places that didn't get left.

—The auction sale of farming implements, horses, wagons, furniture, etc., at J. W. Gardner's, Oakland Place, has been postponed until Friday, March 25. The sale will be held on that date, rain or shine.

—John T. Reynolds, a well known cattle dealer of Downsville, Delaware county, is in town. He expects a carload of Delaware county cattle which will be sold here. He is the guest of Charles L. Elwood.

PERSONAL.

—Mayor Mance is in Albany, to-day, on official business.

—Major W. M. Combs is reported to be seriously ill in Newark.

—H. J. Mather, of Ballantine's Brewing Company, spent Monday night at the Commercial.

—J. Hervey Cook, a well known lawyer of Fishkill Landing, was stricken with paralysis, Saturday evening, and is in a critical condition.

—W. A. Castle, of the Brooklyn navy yard force, is home on a short visit. He returned from special assignment to the Norfolk navy yard, Sunday, and anticipates orders to go to some southern navy yard.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Financial Matters Considered at the Special Meeting—To Borrow \$10,000 in Anticipation of the Tax Levy.

At a special meeting of the Common Council, Monday, all members present save Mr. Ayres, the recommendation made by Mayor Mance that the Council borrow \$10,000 in anticipation of the tax levy was adopted.

The transferring of some of the funds to meet various accounts terminated the night's work.

Too Many Young Trap Shooters.

The shooting of craps engages the attention of altogether too many small boys in this city. A party of youngsters was engaged in this fascinating game under a lamp light on South street, at 10:30 Sunday night. Until one policeman is able to "surround" a dozen boys the officers cannot do much toward stopping these young gamblers, for a lookout is kept, and at the cry of "cheese it, the cop," the youngsters vanish as if by magic.

Meeting of Convalescent Home Managers Postponed.

The meeting of the Board of Managers of the Convalescent Children's Home called for, to-night, has been postponed on account of the storm until Thursday evening at 7:30, at the studio of A. G. Wheeler, Goshen.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.
Genuinest tobacco smoke, no nicotine, no tar, no strong, sweet pure. Buy it. All druggists.

OBITUARY.

Rev. David McLeod.
The Rev. David McLeod, until recently pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Florida, this county, and more recently pastor of the Deaton Church, died Monday afternoon, of Bright's disease. He was pastor of the Florida church for more than twenty years.

Ira Browne.

Ira Browne, a native of Brownville, Sullivan county, and for thirty-four years an employee of the Erie's carpenter shop at Port Jervis, died Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. W. Whitner, in Suffern, aged seventy-three years. Two sons, Emmet A. and Allen D., both of Port Jervis, also survive.

Charles W. Godney.

Charles W. Godney, a well known resident of the town of Newburgh, and formerly School Commissioner of the First District, died in St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh, at 12 o'clock, Sunday night. The deceased had been in failing health for a number of years. His death was due to a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Margaret Walsh.

Mrs. Margaret Walsh, whose death at New Hampton was mentioned in Monday's Argus, was born in Ireland. She was married there to the late James Walsh, who died about fifteen years ago at New Hampton. He was for years an employee of the Erie track force in that vicinity.

Surviving her are two sons and two daughters: Patrick, of New York; John, of Paterson; Mrs. James Byrne, of Goshen, and Mary, at home. The latter has been a patient and careful nurse of the deceased for the past fourteen months.

The funeral will be held at her late residence at 9:30, to-morrow, with solemn requiem and high mass in St. Joseph's Church, this city, at 11 a. m. Burial in the family plot at St. Joseph's.

THE LAST SAD RITES.

Funerals of Mrs. Elsie C. Osterhout and William M. Dougherty.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Elsie C. Osterhout were held at her late home at 7:30 Monday night. Rev. Dr. Wilson officiated, assisted by Rev. Dr. Beattie. Burial was in Hillside cemetery, this morning, at 11:30, the bearers being the four sons of the deceased.

Funeral services over the remains of William M. Dougherty were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, at his late home, No. 57 Linden avenue, Rector Evans officiating. The bearers were members of the Knights Templar, and a delegation from Hoffman Lodge.

A Pleasant Surprise.

About twenty members of that thriving organization, the Auxiliary of the B. of L. E., took possession of the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hervey, on Cottage street, Monday night. It was a genuine surprise, and for that reason was enjoyed all the more. The evening was spent in music and card playing, which sped the hours all too quickly. It was late when the self-invited guests went home, all wishing that such enjoyable times were much more frequent.

An Aged Woman's Sad Fall.

Mrs. Mary Hammond, eighty years old, while descending the cellar stairs in the home of her son, William Hammond, in Port Jervis, Saturday evening, slipped on a round bottomed dish that had been left on the stairs and fell headlong. She was badly bruised and shaken but her injuries are not regarded as serious.

Two Big Walkkill River suckers.

Frank Lewis, the well known fisherman of New Hampton, came to this city, to-day, with two typical Walkkill River suckers, the combined weight of which was four and three-quarter pounds. They were eagerly snapped up by a local fish crank.

Final Lecture in the Literary Club's Course.

The final lecture in the literary club's course will be given, Friday evening, March 25th, in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church. It will be an illustrated lecture on Greek sculpture by Prof. Van Ingen, of Vassar College.

The Equinoctial storm.

A weather sharp explains that the bad weather of yesterday and to-day is due to the fact that the sun "crossed the line," yesterday, and that Spring is, therefore, really here.

Band Concert at the State Hospital.

The 24th Company Band will give a concert at the State Hospital, Thursday night. There will be a rehearsal at the armory, Wednesday night.

Gas Becomes a Law.

The bill authorizing the Newburgh and Cohecton Turnpike Company to abandon its road running into Newburgh has become a law.

Police Court.

A man and his wife quarrelled at the Summit, Monday afternoon, and the woman caused the man's arrest. He was reprimanded and discharged.

Police Court.

Capt. Veber lectured six tramps, this morning, and gave them twenty minutes to get out of town.

Can't be perfect health without pure blood. Burdock Blood Bitters makes pure blood. Tones and invigorates the whole system.

No smoking or eating in Dr. E. J. Kane's Pharmacy. Clean All Parts. One cent a dose.

WANTS A SECRET BALLOT.

A Wise suggestion as to How the Next Vote on the Water Question should be Taken.

EDITOR ARGUS:—Having noticed in the papers that the Common Council will again be obliged to submit the water question to a vote of the taxpayers of the city, I beg to suggest that they might greatly improve on the present method of voting, by introducing the secret ballot.

This could be done by placing a couple of the regular voting booths in the room, placing the ballots in them so that each voter could step inside, select and prepare his ballot free from the scrutiny of those "nervy people," who, after exhausting their persuasive powers, "chuck a bluff" by their presence at the elbow of the voters.

In "nervy," as in many other things, nature has not endowed all alike, for it seems we have the "nervy" and the "nervous" and the lion-like presence of the "nervy" causes a great deal of fear and trembling among the "nervous" and some, not wishing to offend these, perhaps well meaning, but overzealous individuals, weaken and do not record their heartfelt convictions.

It should come within the province of the Common Council to protect us weak ones and this can be done by giving us the use of that great agency of freedom, the secret ballot.

The newspapers will give us an intelligent discussion of the question at issue and if the Council will provide a dignified ballot the result will be the recording of the unbiased opinion of the taxpayers, and this is the only fair settlement of any question.

ONE OF THE "NERVOUS."

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Annual Meeting Held, To-day—Last Year's Officers Re-elected—Other Business.

Orange county's supervisors held their annual meeting in Goshen, to-day. All the members were present except Hon. Louis F. Goodell, of Highlands, who is in Albany attending to his legislative duties, and J. M. Wilcox, of Newburgh, who is seriously ill. A resolution of sympathy with him in his affliction was adopted.

The Board organized by re-electing the officers of last year:

Chairman—Louis F. Goodell.
Clerk—Ingham Stahly.
Official Reporter—James E. Landy.
Dr. Condict and Snyder were re-appointed jail physicians for Goshen and Newburgh, respectively.

A hearing was given, this afternoon, to representatives of the Orange County Horse and Road Improvement Association, who urged the Board to take action under the law authorizing the county to bond for \$200,000 for road improvement.

BALL GAMES AT THE ARMORY.

A-Jumps Won at Base Ball and the First Session at Basket Ball.

More than three hundred persons assembled at the armory, last evening, to witness the third and deciding contest of a series of indoor base ball games between the Asylums and 24th Separate Company teams.

The Asylums outplayed the militiamen at every point and won with ease by a score of 12 to 6 as follows:

Asylum	R	E	B	T	A	A	R	C
Conner, 3b.....	2	1	C. Clauson, lf.....	0	4			
Stuart, lb.....	2	2	Gausman, c.....	1	4			
Lawler, c.....	2	3	Thompson, ss.....	2	1			
Genzel, 2b.....	1	2	Schultz, lf.....	0	4			
Little, ss.....	1	2	G. Clauson, cf.....	0	6			
Shaffer, cf.....	0	4	R. Terhune, 3b.....	1	2			
Compton, lf.....	0	6	Wengert, of.....	1	2			
Ron, of.....	0	4	Robinson, lb.....	0	4			
Loxter, p.....	3	1	R. Terhune, 2b.....	1	1			

Umpires—C. Adelman, G. Wallace. Scored—D. Veber.
A game of basket ball followed, the players being selected from the first and third sections of the company. The game was very spirited, but the tall fellows of the first section had a great advantage over their "stumpy" opponents and won by a score of 13 to 11.

FIREMEN'S B. AND R. ASSOCIATION

Sick Benefits Paid a Number of Members.

At the meeting of the Firemen's Benefit and Relief Association, Thursday night, M. J. Kerrigan, of Ontario, was elected a member.

Sick benefits were allowed as follows: Phoenix—Fred Cordier, \$20; A. J. Henion, \$10.

Eagles—Emory Davis, \$10.
McQuoids—John Ostrowski, \$10.
Five members are now on the sick list.

Change of Programme at Mechanic-town.

This week's programme at Mechanic-town includes Daniel C. Manning, character and eccentric comedian, assisted by the charming soubrette, Miss Ida Manning, in their original act, "Creating a Disturbance." The other numbers include Miss Edna May, a serio-comic, and Miss Anna Wrote, song and dance, character change artist.

An Erie Brakeman Injured.

David Buchanan, a Delaware Division brakeman, while going over his train in the Port Jervis yard, Monday morning, fell between two cars, dislocating his hip. Fortunately for him the train was standing still at the time, or he would doubtless have been killed.

Tisn't safe to be a day without Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house. Never can tell what moment an accident is going to happen.

"Neglected colds make fat graveyards." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup helps men and women to a happy, vigorous old age.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Orange Lodge's Fifteenth Anniversary.
Fifteenth Celebrated—Meal Estate Sale—Supper in new hall—Funeral of Martin Casey.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

A couple of hundred members and guests of Orange Lodge, I. O. O. F., gathered in Purdy Hall, last night, to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the lodge's organization. The exercises were held in the large dancing hall, which was handsomely decorated. There was an opening address by J. W. Gott, an address by Rev. S. F. White, a recitation by Miss Lizzie B. Purcell, and vocal music by a quartette composed of Messrs. Wyker and Gott, basses, and Messrs. Hock and Scott, tenors. The speechmaking and music were followed by a banquet served by the lady members of the "Rebeka" auxiliary; after which the floor was cleared for dancing, and to the music of Wilson's orchestra the young and old tripped merry measures until nearly daylight. The handsome parlors on the second floor were thrown open, and between canes were filled with maids and matrons, who discussed affairs dear to the feminine heart. We think we voice the sentiments of the multitude when we wish that the lodge and its members, living long and growing prosperous, may celebrate many such another joyous occasion.

John Bradley purchased at auction, Saturday, the house and parcel of land belonging to John McGrath, near the Pine Island track. Price \$451.

The Board of Supervisors is holding its annual meeting, to-day, for the purpose of organization.

The funeral of Martin Casey, who died, Friday, at Orange Farm, was held from St. John's Church, Monday.

A dance will be given in Purdy Hall, on the evening of April 13th.

Sent to a Referee.

Judge Hirschberg, Saturday, appointed William Vanamee referee to bring the suit of W. H. Hilton, as receiver of the Kilmer Manufacturing Co. against M & L. Ernst, of New York City.

The suit is brought to set aside certain assignments made to defendants, who are brokers in New York, just before the collapse of the Kilmer concern. The amount involved is \$15,000.

A Norwich Man Arrested in Paterson.

Charles Fielding, of Norwich, N. Y., was arrested in Paterson, N. J., Monday afternoon, upon the request of the authorities of Norwich. He is wanted for assaulting the foreman of the factory where he worked. The injured man is said to be in danger of death. Fielding will be held to await requisition.

Condensory Prices Compared.

The Anglo-Swiss Company's prices for the next six months average 83.2 cents per can, considerably higher than the prices of the Borden Company's up country stations, which average 79.6 cents. At Elgin, Ill., the Borden condensory pays 63.8 cents a can for six months.

Signed by the Governor.

The Governor has signed Senator Lexow's bill amending the game law as to the closed season for landlocked salmon in Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, Rockland and adjoining counties.

Will Attend the Misses Porter's School at Mt. Vernon.

Miss Anna Thompson, of Goshen, and Miss Hattie Drake, of Otisville, went to Mount Vernon, to-day, to attend the Misses Porter's school.

Real Estate Notes.

P. F. Kaufman, auctioneer, has sold a block of lots of the Richmond Hill tract to New York parties; also a lot on Mountain avenue to C. H. Fuller.

Itching, Burning, Skin Diseases Cured for Thirty-five Cents.

Dr. Agnew's Ointment relieves in one day and cures Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Eczema, Barber's Itch, Ulcers, Blotches and all eruptions of the skin. It is soothing, and quieting and acts like magic in the cure of all baby humors. Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

Henry Ward Beecher Said.

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"Here I Am, Mother."
BY THORPE GREENLEAF

In 1884 I was in one of the Ohio river counties of western Kentucky, and a few weeks stopped at a hotel where young civil engineer had headquarters. Harry Gendin was one of those yellow, open natures who have popularity for a birthright, and was soon a favorite in the town and hotel. He liked to come into my room and sing. His voice was a deep bass; my roommate, Manis, sang a part that I was never musician enough to name; Harry's roommate, Jervis, sang a rich tenor; and I tried to carry the air. We sang "Suwanee River," "Old Kentucky," "Forie," and such pieces occasionally. The old hymn tunes were best adapted to our style of quartette, and I am obliged to say that we made some good music on "Old Hundred," "Sessions," "Coronation," and like pieces.

On one occasion we sang, "Where Is My Boy To-night?" and at its conclusion Harry said:

"If you care to hear the story I will tell you where I first heard that song."

"Tell it by all means," said the rest of us.

"I will have to begin by saying that until recently I was a pretty reckless chap. My father has always been a railroad prospector and surveyor, and I have been with him in camp ever since I was a mere kid. He is a good man, the leader of a choir in Evertsburg, where my mother frequently sings solos. I never hope to hear anything like this side the glory gates that will satisfy me as well as my mother's voice in the First Cumberland church, at Evertsburg."

"Father was not careful enough about my companions in camp, and soon I had drifted a long way from the right. But I learned his business, and when I was about 18 years old he put me to work on one of his jobs. The pay was not large, but it was nearly all clear money and I was too young to understand the proper disposal of so much. I got into the habit of spreeing when I went to Evertsburg, or when father was not in camp.

"Well, when I was about 20, we reached a point in a job where we had been two weeks in the rain and mud, and got to the end of a section one Thursday noon. Father said that we would have to lay off until the next Monday morning because his plans for the next section were not matured. I determined then and there to put in the best part of the next three days at Evertsburg, on a great old jamboree. So I walked back to the terminus, and the two o'clock freight bumped and banged me 40 miles to Evertsburg. Here I disappeared in a saloon downtown, and was soon oblivious to surrounding events. The saloonkeeper was careful that my whereabouts should be kept quiet, and bundled me into his own living rooms when I became unable to care for myself.

"Father staid at his job preparing the next week's work until Saturday afternoon, when he went to Evertsburg to be present at his choir meeting at seven in the evening. His train was delayed, and he went directly from the depot to the church. By a strange destiny, it seemed, mother was selected to sing, 'Where Is My Boy To-night?' or evening service.

"On the way home father asked for me, and mother replied that she had not seen me. They both became very uneasy, father with an inkling of the truth, mother with all sorts of nameless dreads. As I did not turn up that night father started a private policeman on a search for me next morning before breakfast. He unearthed me and got me to a hotel, where a servant was fed to sober me up. The policeman then went to report, but as my father was not at home, the whole miserable truth came out to my mother. He said as he was leaving:

"Mrs. Gendin, I would advise you not to go to Harry to-day. He will be all right to-morrow morning, and you can go to him before he starts back to camp. You would only be needlessly distressed. I want you would see to-day, and you can do him no good now. If possible, I'll get him home to-night after supper."

"Mother promised that she would not go to see me until I should be sober, and went to the morning service. Father came to me early after noon, but I was sleeping heavily and he thought it best not to disturb me. When I awoke, about five o'clock in the afternoon, I was duly sober, but had a moving headache. When I learned that it was Sunday I knew that my spree was at an end. So I called for a cup of strong coffee. While drinking it I heard from the parlor that mother knew everything.

"I was terribly cut up about it, and my mother's sorrow-laden face arose before me with great distinctness as I sat on the edge of that hotel bed. What with that face and my conscience, you can easily believe that the next few hours were simply awful. Then the church bell rang, and at the sound I aroused myself and said:

"'Mason, I'm going to church.'"

"'Where at, Harry?'"

"'At the First Cumberland.'"

"'You are in pretty rough shape for church.'"

"There were very few in the room when I entered, but in 75 minutes the immense auditorium was packed, for Dr. Darby was then in the height of his popularity and drew immensely.

Disease is always waiting to pounce on weak people. When your appetite is poor and you are losing weight you are a ready prey to any disease that comes along. Lung complaint, liver complaint, and a hundred other diseases carry people off because they are not armed with a strong constitution to resist the disease.

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Sidney Bergetta, Esq., of Clear Lake, Deuel Co., So. Dak., writes: "Last spring I was taken sick with a very bad attack of La Grippe, and had awful pains in my lungs and breast, with a bad cough. My doctor's medicine gave me no relief, and when I set up for five minutes I wanted to lie down again. My wife got very much discouraged and said she would try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I took two bottles. When I had taken half-a-bottle the pain began to leave, and after taking two bottles of it I felt like a new man, and could do my own work again. I can fully recommend your medicine, and must say it will do what it is said to do."

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"Every word struck deeper and deeper into my soul. I began to pray. I asked God to forgive me for bruising that tender, loving mother's heart. I called myself an ingrate, a matricide, for her tones impressed my incoherent brain with the thought that she was dying. The refrain, peculiarly composed, as you know, gives the impression of a wail, and when she reached it a second time, I thought I should shriek aloud.

"Then I remembered that I had sinned, not only against mother, but against God. I asked his pardon and got it, just as she reached the last stanza:

"Go for my wandering boy to-night; Go search for him where you will; But bring him to me with all his blight, And tell him I love him still."

"Then came the refrain:

"Oh where is my boy to-night? Oh where is my boy to-night?"

"When she sang the second 'where,' with all the emphasis her genius, her longing, her mother heart could give it, the cry of her soul drew me to my feet, and I walked up the aisle toward her with my arms outstretched. Further words died on her lips, the organist ceased playing, and in wondering surprise, turned to look at my mother. For the briefest moment silence reigned, then I sobbed like any child:

"Here I am, mother."

"How could a carefully studied melodrama have been better acted? Mother came hastily down the choir steps and folded me in her arms. Then Dr. Darby seized one hand and father took the other. The organist struck the chords of 'Old Hundred,' and almost as one voice, the congregation burst into the Doxology: 'Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,' and I think they sang it about ten times while they were shaking hands with me.

"All that was more than two years ago. I date a different life from that night."

"But you have never heard the song under quite such dramatic circumstances, Harry."

"I am not so sure about that. I heard my own words to my mother repeated last summer under vastly different circumstances, though perhaps you will say they were as remarkable as what I have just related."

"Last summer I was making a 'horseback survey' in southeastern Kentucky. A local preacher, by the name of Logan, was guiding me, and I was to stay at his house one night.

"Several days previous he had come upon a party of gamblers in the woods. His son Thomas was one of the number, but he had impartially reported all of them to the grand jury; they had heard of it, and had been in hiding ever since. With Spartan-like determination he had resolved that his son should suffer with the rest, but his wife was deeply grieved at the circumstance, and felt indignant that a father should impute a son in any such way.

"After supper we sat in the soft, June moonlight, and Mr. Logan asked me to sing. Mrs. Logan was sitting father out in the yard near the 'old ee,' as the boys' building in some southern front yards is called.

"After several other pieces, I thought of 'Where Is My Boy To-night?' My mind reverted to that blessed Sunday night in Evertsburg, and my mother's longing seemed to fill my own soul, so that the singing was particularly expressive. We were in a 'cove,' where rocky precipices hung near, and my words seemed to climb the cliffs and enter all their gloomy crevices and caverns with the wild, despairing query of the weird refrain. I don't think I was 'stuck on my own voice,' but I could not help knowing that I was singing well, and I felt a fine exhilaration in the surroundings.

"Mr. and Mrs. Logan were facing me, and did not see what I saw as I started on the last stanza. A young man walked from the shadow of the fire tree to the office. He lifted his finger in warning to me, and I proceeded with the singing as though nothing had happened, but watched him narrowly, although I could not believe that he meant harm when acting so openly. He stood still in the shadow of the office until I finished.

"There was silence for a moment, then Mrs. Logan arose in a bewildered way, tossed her arms wildly and moaned, not loud, but with searching, penetrating force: 'Oh, where is my boy to-night?'"

"The figure in the shadow cried aloud the words: 'Here I am, mother!'"

"She turned as Logan and I sprang to our feet. 'Tommy! Tommy!' she murmured, as the strong, young fellow folded her in filial embrace!

"Logan said, as severely as possible: 'Young man, do you know that you are wanted by the grand jury?'"

"Yes, father, but the song I just heard and mother's heart-breaking wail determined me to stand my trial and pay the penalty like a man. I was thinking near the house in order to get provisions to keep me until after the court would adjourn. Now I will stay here to-night, and to-morrow I will go to town and plead guilty. Then I shall never trouble you again, please God!"

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Dated December 29th, 1897.
W. L. H. K. XT, Administrator.

JOHN C. B. TAYLOR, Administrator's Attorney, Rooms 5 and 6 Low Building, Middletown, New York. *31dWedJun29-98*

IN Pursuance of an order of the County Judge of Orange county, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all creditors of and persons having claims against Grant Poff, of said county, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said Grant Poff, at the residence of the assignee, in the town of Crawford, Orange county, New York, on or before the 10th day of May, 1898. Dated February 23d, 1898.

JOHN C. B. TAYLOR, Attorney for Assignee, Rooms 5 and 6 Low Building, Middletown, New York. *dWed7Apr6*

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Lucinda Herrold Toom, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said Grant Poff, at the residence of the assignee, in the city of Middletown, on or before the 14th day of April next.

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Victor Baillot, who fought at Waterloo and was subsequently discharged from the French army at the age of 22 years as a consumptive, died recently at La Roche-sur-Yon, aged 103 years and ten months.

Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany found 114 German servant girls last year to whom she could give the golden servant's cross for having lived 40 years with one family. Only one was found in Berlin.

Three traveled Welshmen gave a horseflesh banquet at a Rhonda Valley hotel recently, to which they invited 84 persons. Only seven, however, presented themselves to feast on a "sirlion of four-year-old horse."

A case of leprosy in its worst form has been discovered in London. No hospital or home for incurables will take the patient in and no means of isolating him from contact with other persons has been found yet.

For preventing a railroad disaster by the timely discovery of a broken rail and stopping of an approaching train a locomotive engineer at Halle on the Salle received a reward of two marks (50 cents) from the railroad company.

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A VERY CLOSE VOTE

Locke C. Aldrich won the Engineer's torch offered by the O. and W. band by a small majority. The band's first public appearance has made good progress in its members.

Monday night was a great night at the North End. Everybody who could get out went to Ontario's truck house to hear the new Ontario and Western band play, and learn the outcome of the contest for the engineer's torch, in which much interest centered.

The Ontario and Western band is an organization that has had but a few months' practice. It has seventeen members and a drum major, and only five of these have ever had band experience. The organization bought a fine set of the famous Distin silver instruments, and having secured the leadership of Prof. Collins, began the study of music. Their playing, Monday night, showed that they have made most satisfactory progress.

Their instruments came high, but the boys were as courageous as they were ambitious. They secured subscriptions, and also instituted a contest over an engineer's silver torch, to be awarded to the most popular engine driver on the O. and W. Charles Tierney, president of the Common Council, and Locke C. Aldrich, agreed to lead the fight, and for two months their friends have been working to secure contributions, the one receiving the most to be declared the winner of the torch.

Monday night the contest closed. The band made its first public appearance on this occasion, playing several selections with very creditable effect, while the workers continued to drop bills and silver into the boxes.

Referee Harry Funnell declared the boxes closed at promptly 9 o'clock, and the count was begun under the direction of the referee and John Fletcher, teller, and James Gibbons, watcher for Mr. Aldrich, and C. G. Taylor, teller, and F. J. Kerrigan, watcher for Mr. Tierney. Engineer Aldrich's box was opened first, and the Vs and Xs were numerous, and when the last cent was counted it was found that he had received \$97.96.

The Tierney box was then counted and the hopes of some of his friends fell as it was found that the most of the bills in his box were ones and twos.

Then teller Taylor found a crisp fifty-dollar bill. There was a buzz of surprise and "Tierney's won it" was heard from all parts of the room. But as the count progressed it was apparent that the contest was very close. The count and recount finally showed \$97.14, or eighty-two cents less than Mr. Aldrich's contributions.

Fireman Fred B. Case then made a speech, in which he told of the history of the organization, the story of the contest and finally announced the winner. The latter was applauded, but it was plain to be seen that many of those present were sympathizers of Mr. Tierney's. Mr. Aldrich was placed on a table, where he bowed to the right and to the left and then shook hands with Mr. Tierney. Calls for a speech from the latter were made, but a crowd of Mr. Aldrich's friends placed the latter on their shoulders and rushed him through the crowd and carried him up to the corner of Winer avenue and returned without stopping at the corner, as the crowd had anticipated. Cigars were passed about by the band members.

The new band is made up as follows: Drum Major—John M. Wilson. Cornets—W. Bougill, A. Nordmeyer, L. Hoey, P. Hubin. Altoes—P. Short, M. Kerrigan, R. Shafer. Clarinets—J. Schupp, Jas. Driscoll. Tenors—P. Gell, George Stack. Baritone—A. C. Reynolds. Tubas—W. Ghee, A. Cointot. Bass Drum—J. Hare. Snare Drum—John Sheerin. Cymbals—Ed Cointot.

FOR THE STARVING CUBANS.

Mayor Mance's Appeal for Contributions for Their Relief.

Editor ARGUS:—On behalf of the starving population of Cuba, I appeal to the humanity of Middletown. Women and children are dying by thousands in the grip of disease and famine, and no one with a heart in his bosom can hear of their sufferings unmoved. I would, therefore, through your columns, call upon our citizens to take part in the general movement that is being made for the relief of these poor victims of Spanish tyranny. Let everybody give something, however small, and let it be remembered that "he who gives quickly, gives twice." All contributions received by me will be acknowledged in the papers, and forwarded without delay to the "Central Cuban Relief Committee," a society appointed by the President and acting under the direction of the Department of State.

CHARLES E. MANCE, Mayor.

Mother and Son.

Middletown, N. Y., March 17, 1898. John V. Gebhart, P. O. box 170, this town states that his experience with the famous medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, has been very gratifying. He suffered from impure blood and disordered stomach, and was unable to sleep at night. As his mother had taken the medicine with benefit while suffering from nervous weakness and loss of appetite, she advised him to try it, and after taking a few bottles he was completely cured.

It's folly to suffer from that horrible plague of the night, itching piles. Doan's Ointment cures, quickly and permanently. At any drug store, 50 cents.

"Ayer's Cherry Pectoral"

saved my little girls' lives when they had

Whooping Cough."

Mrs. A. H. BEERS,
Barnes, N. Y.

HALF-SIZE BOTTLES, 50c.

WANTED IN KINGSTON.

A Young Man Who is Said to Have Skipped a Board Bill and Come Here.

Capt. Yeber received the following communication, this morning:
KINGSTON, N. Y., March 19.

MR. CHIEF—DEAR SIR:—There was a young man that skipped here, this week, and left an unpaid board bill. He registered as James A. Allenton and wife. I have since learned his right name was Albert Allen, of Middletown. He was about 5.10, long, dark hair, and wore a white Fedora hat; also had a black hat and a dark overcoat. The woman with him was Mary Shady, of Poughkeepsie. Please locate them.

E. GILDERSLERVE.

The authorities here do not know any one of such name.

Going to the Klondike.

Samuel T. Conkling, a young New York lawyer, formerly of Port Jervis, is going to Klondike to look after the legal interests of the Ladue Mining Co., of which he is secretary. He is to receive a large salary and will remain one year and perhaps two.

Prospecting for Silver in Rockland County Mountains.

It is said three Newburgh men are prospecting in the Dunderberg mountains, Rockland county, seeking the wealth alleged to be obtainable, provided the location of certain silver and lead mines is discovered.

BULLVILLE.

Delayed Spring Work—Saw "A Guilty Mother"—Preparing For an Entertainment—Will Engage in Business at Circleville—E. S. Puff's Condition—Other Notes.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY. —The snow storm of Monday was a set-back to our people who expected to make garden and begin their spring plowing.

Several of our young people attended Mr. Wallick's play at the Casino in Middletown, Saturday night.

Great interest is being taken by the friends of the Bullville M. E. Church in preparing for the grand entertainment, "The District School," which is to be given some time in the near future for the benefit of the church.

Harry Shafer and brothers will after April 1st start in business at Circleville, and run the store of John H. Bull, Mr. Bull retiring from business. Mrs. Shafer having rented her farm near this place to Warren Wilber, will remove to that village next week to live with her sons. Their many friends in this place wish them success in starting out in business.

Charles Z. Puff, of Liberty, is on a visit to his home near this place, and is helping attend his father, E. S. Puff, whose illness has been mentioned in these columns, and who at this writing is still improving as fast as can be expected.

George W. Evans arrived, Saturday noon, with a carload of fine western horses.

Station Agent S. M. Roberson purchased, last week, a fine new Atlantic wheel from F. P. Suen, New York city. He is the first in this village to purchase a new wheel this spring.

Postmaster James B. Montgomery and wife spent Sunday with friends in Newburgh.

FOR THE KIDNEYS

How to Tell When Favorite Remedy is Needed.

It is safe to say that Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is the most successful of all medicines. One bottle has often cured a bad case of Kidney, Liver, Bladder or Urinary Disease, while in extreme cases of Diabetes, Gravel or Bright's Disease, a half-dozen bottles may be necessary. A teaspoonful is a dose, and you feel relieved at once.

Favorite Remedy is badly needed when a man or woman has frequent desire to urinate, particularly at night—when urine left standing, shows a sediment or has a cloudy substance at bottom of vessel—when urine stains linen—when there is pain in the small of the back, and pain or scalding sensation in passing water. These are the surest signs of Kidney or Bladder Trouble, and Favorite Remedy is the surest medicine to cure them. Get a large bottle at your druggist's for one dollar.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 15 North Street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

Yesterday	Today
Sugar.....	117 1/2 118 1/2
Coffee.....	95 1/2 96
Chicago Gas.....	91 98 1/2
Nat. Lead.....	29 1/2 29 3/4
General Electric.....	32 1/2 31 1/2
U. S. L. pref.....	56 1/2 56 1/2
Tenn. Coal and Iron.....	18 1/2 18 1/2
A. T. & S. F.....	11 1/2 10 1/2
C. B. & Q.....	26 1/2 26 1/2
C. M. & St. P.....	83 1/2 87 1/2
B. I.....	85 1/2 85 1/2
D. L. & W.....	92 90
C. of N. J.....	12 1/2 12 1/2
Erie.....	108 1/2 108 1/2
O. & W.....	14 1/2 14 1/2
Susquehanna & Western.....	16 1/2 16 1/2
P. & B.....	16 1/2 16 1/2
N. W.....	117 1/2 116 1/2
L. S.....	100 1/2 100 1/2
N. Y. C.....	25 1/2 24 1/2
M. P.....	18 1/2 17 1/2
Texas.....	86 84 1/2
U. P.....	45 1/2 47
W. Union.....	100 96 1/2
L. & N.....	100 96 1/2
Manhattan.....	13 1/2 13 1/2
P. M.....	60 1/2 59 1/2
W. Pacific pref.....	140 1/2 137 1/2
Metropolitan Traction.....	88 86 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit.....	26 1/2 25 1/2
Southern pref.....	10 1/2 10 1/2
May Wheat.....	26 1/2 26 1/2
May Corn.....	26 1/2 26 1/2
May Oats.....	26 1/2 26 1/2
May Pork.....	83 1/2 87 1/2
May Lard.....	6 1/2 5 1/2

SPRING OVERCOATS!

Just take a look at these goods, and tell us when or where you ever saw such garments at such very low prices,

\$5.00, Worth \$8.50.

The time to purchase a coat is now, while you have a full line to select from and while you can get a season's wear.

Price the Lowest and Garments the Best.

SUITS MADE TO ORDER FROM \$10 UP. PANTS \$2.50 UP.

S. LIPFELD,

Clothier and Furnisher, 25 North St.

POSTPONED AUCTION

WM. VANSCHAICK, AUCTIONEER

The subscriber will sell at auction, corner East Main St. and Horton Ave.,

Friday, March 25, Rain or Shine,

10 a. m. 1 horse, weight 1,300 pounds; 2 farm wagons, 2 hay shelves, 1 pile-down spring wagon, top buggy nearly new; 1 single harness, nearly new; lot other harness, Whetley mowing machine, horse rake, horse hay fork, stalk cutter, power-law mower, hay-rake, corn sheller, steel road scraper, milk cans, cross cut saws, plows, harrows, cultivators, sleds, 8 tons hay, and lot farm and garden implements, lot of

Household Furniture, new oak mantel, with beveled mirrors, 17x26, etc. Terms made known on day of sale.

JOHN W. GARDNER.

AUCTION!

P. F. Kaufman will sell on

Friday, March 25, at 1:30 p. m.,

AT

NO. 7 NORTH STREET,

THE

Entire Furniture in Flat of 5 Rooms.

Nearly all new, consisting of suits, enameled bedsteads, 100 yards carpet, fine lounge, rockers, extra sofa table, rug, chairs, mattresses, springs, etc.

P. F. KAUFMAN, AUCTIONEER

OFFICE OVER KERNOTHA'S JEWELRY STORE, 17 NORTH ST., MIDDLETOWN.

Best Upland Potatoes

90c. A BUSHEL.

Fresh Eggs 12c a Dozen.

C. N. PRODMORE & SON.

90

Cts. a Bushel

FOR

Early Rose Potatoes.

SLOAT'S CASH STORE

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

WASHINGTON and Irving wanted at home or will go out by the day. Apply 102 Fulton street.

LADY MACCABEES will meet at Macabee Hall, Bull's O'era House, this evening, at 7:30. All ladies interested are invited to be present.

KITIE WESTON, D. L. G. C.

TO-MORROW—A free exhibition of bread baking. The Fair at the Imperial Bazaar. Come and see it take a pair of it with seven cents worth of coal. HOYT & GALLOWAY, 10 East Main street.

BEN HUR Bicycle, good running order, pneumatic tires, will be sold cheap; fine black marbled eight day clock, strikes hours and half hour. Price only \$2.50. EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street.

PRETTY Cottage on Main street—Just painted outside, papered and painted throughout inside, city water, flagged, trolley passing door, etc. Rent to suit the times. See THOMAS WATTS, 15 East Main street.

FOR SALE—Two fine blooded colts, three and four years old, broke to harness, sound and kind. Call on or address J. B. HALSEY, Westtown, N. Y.

TO LET—House on Grove avenue, 10 rooms and bath, suitable for two families, city water. Enquire of T. A. MARCH, 74 East Ave. nse.

FOR Rent from April 1st—The store, No. 44 James street, Leeman Building; also the flat directly over the store, consisting of six rooms, bath and closet. J. E. ISEMAN.

UNTIL the end of March, '98, I shall do shoe repairing at the following prices: Men's slippers from 40c up, ladies' 25c up, children's 20c up. I make a specialty of rubber soles. CRAIG, the Shoemaker, 38 W. Main street.

FOR RENT—The two front offices and one in the rear of them, on the second floor in the Wilcox Building, adjoining the post office. It is seldom you can get as central, well lighted and arranged offices as these. H. R. WILCOX.

FOR RENT—Parshall cottage, six rooms, Richmond Heights, Mountain avenue; also Carter cottage, Geneva street. Rent very low. EDWIN S. MERRILL, Attorney at Law, Rooms 8 and 9 Times Building, King street.

NINE-ROOM House to rent, with modern improvements, in first-class order, 16 Broad street; also four rooms to rent, second floor, city water, 11 Broad street. FRANK CRAWFORD, 15 West Main street or 48 South street.

DISTRICT Deputy Grand Commander Matthew Duff, of the American Legion of Honor, will address the members of Empire, Goodwill and Harmony Councils, at Knights of Honor hall, Tuesday evening, March 22d, at 8 o'clock. All companions are hereby ordered to be present. 1021

FOR RENT FROM APRIL 1st, 1898.

The whole or part of a house of 9 rooms and bath room, in excellent condition, being premises now occupied by Mrs. Startup, 95 Academy Ave. There is a large, good garden and a variety of fruit trees, etc. on the place. Rent reasonable. Property for sale on easy terms. Enquire of A. V. N. POWELL, ON, 601dct No. 16 East Main street.

Those special Blank Books, had made at MCINTYRE'S BINDERY, 32 North Street, Middletown, are first class and the price was all right.

WHY WE ARE ALWAYS BUSY.

Not because of dexterity and exaggerated statements, but because of real values, truthfully announced. As every one knows this is the dull season for dry goods selling. Our modern ways are not satisfied with waiting for trade, but create it. For the next few weeks our object is not to make money but sales. We have received many special values, in desirable goods, that we have marked extra low to stimulate early buying. Our counters and shelves are loaded for this great special sale with hundreds of articles that we haven't space to mention. The few items below will answer for the whole storeful. Be sure and get your share.

Black Dress Goods.

40-inch all wool Black Serge, sold by all for 39c; for this sale 29c. 38-inch Black Brilliantine, the regular price 40c; for this sale 33c. 38-inch all wool Figured Black Goods, regular price 50c; for this sale 40c. 42-inch Black Brilliantine, worth wholesale to day 52c a yard; for this sale only 50c. 46-inch all wool Cravenet Serge, sold by all for 69c; for this sale 59c. 46-inch silk finish Brilliantine, sold all over the world for \$1; for this sale 75c. 50-inch all wool silk finish Black Serge, real value \$1.25; for this sale 89 cents.

Clored Dress Goods.

800 yards New Spring Dress Goods. Among the lots are 38-inch all wool mixtures in new spring shades, 38-inch Wool and Mohair Mixtures, 38-inch cotton, wool and silk mixtures, the wool all thrown on the outside. Not one yard in this lot worth less than 39c. For this great sale all to go at 25 cents.

A Silk Bargain.

600 yards Black Figured Silk, 20 and 24 inches wide, made to sell at \$1. The manufacturer's loss is your gain. For this sale only 69c. Figured China Silk—Goods we carried from last season—Mostly navy blue grounds. Our price was 25 and 50c a yard. Fine for summer shirt waists. As long as they last 15 and 39c a yard. Not much more than cotton goods.

Dress Linings

Best Kid Cambric 3c a yard. 15c fast black Perkaline 10c a yard. Best French Real Hair Cloth, all shades, 25c a yard. Silesia, all shades and fast black, 10c a yard.

Wash Goods

Sea Island Percale, the best goods made. Sold everywhere for 12c; here at 10c. Zephyr Gingham, all new goods, advertised in other stores worth 12c. Here at 8c. Fine French Cambrics, 36 inches wide, yarn dyed, mostly navy blue and black, figured or stripes, 12c a yard. We sell only such goods that we can warrant, no trash.

2,442 Yards Embroidery.

Four lots of new Embroideries in 4 1/2 or 5 yard lengths—all fine goods—fully one-third to one-half less than the regular prices—at 10, 12 1/2, 15, 19c a yard.

1x Silk Velvet 59 Cents.

We have six new shades in this lot—Cream, grey, mode, brown, cerise, turquoise. Fine for hat or dress trimmings. For this sale only 59c a yard.

Domestics.

Best Indigo Blue Prints 4c a yard. 8c all linen Brown Crash. For this sale only 6c a yard. 5-4 Bleached Pillow Cases 7c. 5-4 Best Bleached Pillow Cases 12c. 6-4 Best Pillow Cases 14c. Best Bleached Sheets made 40, 44, 48c. White Bed Spreads 49, 75, 98c., all hemmed ready for use. Good Bleached Muslin 4 1/2c a yard. Best Bleached Muslin made 6c.

Muslin Underwear.

All our reserve stock goes into this sale from our special lots. No use sewing when you can buy made-up garments at these prices. Ladies' Muslin Drawers 15, 25, 39, 44c. Ladies' Gowns 39, 49, 59, 69, 79, 89, 98c., \$1.19. Ladies' Corset Covers 15, 19, 25c. Ladies' White Skirts 39, 49, 75, 89, 98c., \$1.29, \$1.48.

What is new we have, and sell the new, not only at lower prices than others ask, but at lower prices than others sell the old.

HART DAVIS,

No. 45 North Street.

WAIT FOR MY GRAND SPRING OPENING!

ABOUT EASTER WEEK! Will give day and date later.

A Brand New Store. A Brand New Stock. Up-to-Date Goods At Popular Prices.

Without a doubt the largest and most choice assortment of stylish and well made

CLOTHING ever shown up in this city.

MEN'S AND BOYS' Dress Suits, Business Suits, Golf and Bike Suits, Spring Overcoats, Trousers, etc.

It Will Pay You

TO WAIT AND SEE MY LINE. I Will Save You Money!

A full and complete stock of

Gents' Furnishings, Hats, Caps, Etc.

All the Newest and Latest Fads.

LOW PRICES AT MY STORE.

"Souvenirs" Opening Day.

A cordial invitation extended to all. I shall receive you kindly and welcome you gladly.

CHAS. WOLFF, JR.

The Horse Shoe Clothier and Furnisher,

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TO LET—House, 13 rooms, 133 North at eet, also vacant lot for business purposes. Enquire of BULL & YOUNGBLOOD. 75dct

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargain in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monahan avenue. 75dct

MARCH 1st, 1898. SPRING TIME—SIGN TIME.

WHEN YOU WANT THAT SIGN, WRITE ME ABOUT IT. G. F. HARPING, SIGN ARTIST, WERTSBORO, N. Y.

To Every Man Who Wears a Shirt.

300 Unlaundered 75c White Shirts, made from Wamsutta muslin, 4-ply bosoms, set in strong stays, bodies very full, 36 inches long, re-inforced front and back, split neck-band to keep collar button from touching neck, side seams, felled and double stitched, with patent gussets, perfect fitting, all open in the back. As long as they last 50c.